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LIST OF DEPARTURES FROM BOMBAY FOR MARSEILLES & LONDON WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT BRINDISI AND MALTA.

Date of Sailing.	Steamer.	Tons.	Connecting at Aden with	Tons.
28th Dec. 1911	MALOJA	11500	----	--
4th Jan.	SALSETTE	6000	MONGOLIA	10000
12th "	PERSIA	8000	----	--
20th "	SALSETTE	6000	MOOLTAN	10000
27th "	OCEANA	7000	----	--
3rd Feb.	SALSETTE	6000	MALWA	11500
10th "	CHINA	8000	----	--
17th "	SALSETTE	6000	MANTUA	11500
24th "	EGYPT	8000	----	--
2nd Mar.	MACEDONIA	10000	----	--
9th "	ARABIA	8000	----	--
16th "	SALSETTE	6000	MOREA	11500
23rd "	*ARCADIA	7000	----	--
31st "	PERSIA	8000	----	--
6th April	MARMORA	10500	----	--
	MOOLTAN	10000		
13th "	SALSETTE	6000	MOLDAVIA	11500
20th "	MANTUA	11000	----	--
27th "	SALSETTE	6000	MALOJA	12500
4th May.	EGYPT	8000		
11th "	SALSETTE	6000	MONGOLIA	10000
18th "	ARABIA	8000	----	--

The above Regular Mail Steamers are fitted with *WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.*

The above Steamers convey Passengers to Marseilles, Plymouth and London.

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To Marseilles	Rs. 425 or Rs. 304	Rs. 743 or Rs. 531
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The following SAILINGS have been arranged:—

ANCHOR LINE SAILINGS.

Steamer.	Tonnage.	Captain.	Leave Bombay
*Circassia	6716	C. F. Osborne R.N.R.	3rd Jan. 1912
Scindia	5105	W. Keiso	23rd " "

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1912.

		Leave Bombay
Castalia	6388	G. Mitchell — 7th Feb. 1912
*Elysia	6363	A. Haig — 24th Feb. "
Massilia	5091	J. Thomson — 8th Mar. "
Olympia	5124	R.H. Rowe, R.N.R. 22nd " "
*Circassia	6716	C.F. Osborne R.N.R. 6th Apr. "
Scindia	5106	Wm. Keiso — 21st " "
Castalia	6388	G. Mitchell — 3rd May "
*Elysia	6363	A. Haig — 17th " "
Massilia	5091	J. Thomson — 2nd June "

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Bombay to Suez	Rs. 413	627
Bombay to Portsaid	" 446	677
Bombay to Marseilles and back from Liverpool	" 578	924
Bombay to London Overland from Marseilles and back from Liverpool.	" 653	993
Bombay to Gibraltar	" 590	891
Bombay to Liverpool	" 605	957
Bombay to New York	" 803	1,340
Bombay to Cairo, including train fare from Suez	" 416	

All return tickets are available for 2 years.

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THE following steamers will SAIL:—

Steamers.	Tons.	Capts.	To Sail on or about
a President	3310	Bremer	4th Jan. 1912.
Markgraf	3680	Ihle	12th Jan. 1912.
Somali	2655	Kasch	22nd Jan. 1912.
Kanzler	3000	Schutt	3rd Feb. 1912.

Taking passengers and cargo for LAMOO, MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, GERMAN and PORTUGUESE COAST PORTS, DURBAN and CAPE.

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INTEND TO DESPATCH STEAMERS AS FOLLOWS:—

FOR KARACHI.
Weekly from Victoria Dock.

Steamer,	Tons.	Sailing.	Date.	Time.	Route via.
Lhasa	2184	Mon.	25th Dec.	11 a.m.	‡ via P. D. & O. M.
Dwarka	1695	Thurs.	28th Dec.	9 a.m.	*C. M.
Linga	2184	Fri.	29th Dec.	6 a.m.	† direct.

‡Porebunder, Dwarka and Cutch Mandvie.
*Cutch Mandvie.
†Or later on arrival of English Mail Steamer.

FOR KARACHI AND BUSHEH (Weekly).

S. S. "Dwarka," 1695 tons, on Thursday, 28th Dec. calling at Muscat, Linga, Bushire, and Mahomerah.

FOR PERSIAN GULF PORTS.

S. S. "Pundua," 3305 tons, on Wednesday 27th December, calling at Veraval, Mangrol, Karachi, Pasni, Gwadur, Charbar, Muscat, Jask, Bunder Abbas, Dubai, Linga, Bahrein, Bushire, Koweit, Mahomerah and Busreh.

FOR EAST AND SOUTH AFRICA. (Monthly.)

S. S. "Pentakota," 3418 tons, on or about 23th December, calling at Seychelles, Mombasa, Zanzibar, Mozambique, Beira, Delagoa Bay and Durban.

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24th December, 1911.

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FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

TO MARSEILLES.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To Sail on
			THURSDAY.
Polynesien	6333	Bruno	18th Jan. 1912.
Ville-dela Ciotat	6378	Eschenauer	15th Feb. 1912.
Nera	5538		14th Mar. 1912.
Oceanien	4143	Cousin	11th April 1912.
Armand Behic	6335	Guionnet	9th May 1912.
Yarra	4142	Rosati	6th June 1912.
Salazie	4147	X	4th July 1912.

INTERCHANGEABLE TICKETS.

RETURN TICKETS can be made available for one way by the Messageries Maritimes, and the Return Voyage by the Austrain Lloyd's or the Navigations General Italiana's at Reduced Fares,

TO AUSTRALIA DIRECT AND THE FAR EAST, TRANSHIPPING AT COLOMBO.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To Sail on or about
Nera	5538		29th Dec. 1911.
Oceanien	4143	Cousin	20th Jan. 1912.

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SOCIETA NAZIONALE DI SERVIZI MARITTIMI (RUBATTINO LINE.)

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R. Rubattino	4,580	Piazzoni	15th Jan. 1912
D. Balduino	4,580	D. Maganzini	15th Feb. 1912

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BOMBAY TO SINGAPORE; KOBE AND HONGKONG.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on
Ischia	6,000	G. Belsito	10th Jan. 1912,
Capri	6,000	P. Figari	10th Feb. "

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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S S. N. Co.

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ACCELERATED LINE TO TRIESTE.

Steamers.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on.
Koerber	5423	A. Foresti	1st Jan, 1912.
Bregenz	3905	A. Petris	16th " "
Cleopatra	4039	...	1st Feb. "
Habsburg	3979	D. Cosulich	16th Feb. "
Semiramis	3999	...	1st Mar. "
Bregenz	3905	A. Petris	16th " "
Cleopatra	4039	...	1st April "
Habsburg	3979	D. Cosulich	16th " "
Semiramis	3999	...	1st May "
Bregenz	3905	A. Petris	16th " "
Cleopatra	4039	...	1st June "

ORDINARY LINE via KARACHI.

Steamers.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail about.
Persia	5895	S. Olinmak	26th Feb. 1912
Nippon	6350	E. Tarabochia	28th Mar. "
Vorwaerts	5990	R. Dannecker	27th April "
† Austria	7588	G. Raicich	28th " "
China	6017	P. Pavisich	28th May "
Fr. Ferdinand	6046	B. Cobol	27th June "

† Will not call at Karachi.

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To Trieste or Venice and back	" 750	
To London via Trieste	" 579	to 644*
To London via Trieste and back	" 903	" 1,038*

SECOND CLASS—

To Trieste or Venice	Rs. 350	
To Trieste or Venice and back	" 525	
To London via Trieste	" 429	to 449†
To London via Trieste and back	" 633	" 723†

* Fares according to class of Railway.
† Fares according to Route on Railway.

ORDINARY LINES.

SALOON CLASS—

To Trieste or Venice	Rs. 450	
To Trieste or Venice and back	" 675	
To London via Trieste	" 529	to 634*
To London via Trieste and back	" 833	" 963*

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STEAMER TO JAPAN via COLOMBO, PENANG, SINGAPORE, HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE

Steamer	Tons	Captain	To sail about
Nippon	6350	E. Tarabocchia	25th Dec. 1911.

For farther particulars regarding passages apply to

W. DENSO,
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62, Churchgate St., Fort, Bombay.

ELLERMAN'S CITY & HALL LINES.

(JOINT SERVICE)

Steamers.	Tons.	Leave Liverpool about 1911	Due Bombay about 1911	Leave Karachi about 1911	Leave Bombay about 1911
City of Athens	5594	....	....	3 Jan.,'12	...
City of Birmingham	7000	....	....	13 Jan.	1912 15 Jan.
City of Sparta	6415	1912 ...	....	20 Jan.	...
City of York	7310	....	8 Jan.	30 Jan.	1 Feb.
City of Glasgow	6529	13 Jan.	5 Feb.	27 Feb.	29 Feb.
Trafford Hall	5321	23 Jan.	16 Feb.	13 Mar.	...
City of Calcutta	7512	3 Feb.	26 Feb.	23 Mar.	25 Mar.
City of Athens	5594	20 Feb.	13 Mar.	6 Apl.	...
City of Vienna	4672	...	....	...	13 Apl.
City of Birmingham	7000	2 Mar.	25 Mar.	17 Apl.	...
City of York	7300	13 Mar.	4 Apl.	27 Apl.	29 Apl.
City of Sparta	6415	26 Mar.	13 Apl.	11 May	...
City of Glasgow	6529	10 Apr.	3 May	25 May	27 May

NOTE.—All the above steamers have second class accommodation except the ss. City of Vienna, and Trafford Hall.

FARES	1st class Single	1st class Return	2nd class Single	2nd class Return
To Marseilles	Rs. 578	Rs. 891	Rs. 429	Rs. 649
" London via Marseilles	653	1,021	459	809
" Liverpool	605	957	462	704

Concessions granted to Families, Railway Employees, Hospital Nurses, Missionaries, Tea Planters, etc.

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Each steamer carries a duly qualified surgeon and experienced stewardess.

All steamers have Electric Light and Fan fitted in each cabin FREE OF CHARGE.

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OUDH AND ROHILKHAND STATE RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the SUPPLY of TOOLS and GENERAL HARDWARE, required by the O. & R. State Railway, during the 12 months, from 1st April, 1912, to the 31st March, 1913.

Tenders must be submitted on the prescribed form, copies of which can be obtained from the Chief Store Keeper, O. and R. State Railway, on payment of Rs. 3 per form.

The Tenders must be addressed to the Manager, O. and R. State Railway, Lucknow, and will be received at his Office up to 12 o'clock noon, on FRIDAY, 23rd February, 1912.

They must be submitted in sealed covers, superscribed "Tender for the supply of Tools and General Hardware."

The Manager does not bind himself to accept the whole of or any part of the lowest or any Tender.

By Order,
D. E. KEATINGE,
Chief Store Keeper
O. and R. State Railway.

Lucknow, dated 20th December, 1911.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

IT is hereby notified that Major H. A. L. HEPPER, R.E., at present Acting Agent, G. I. P. Railway, has been confirmed by the Board of Directors as the COMPANY'S AGENT in INDIA, with effect from the 1st January, 1912, in succession to Mr. F. T. Richards.

FRANK J. CLARK,
Acting Secretary.

Victoria Terminus,
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DOWN.			UP.		
Bombay	Dep.	21-30	Peshawar	Dep.	7-55
*Rutlam Jn.	Arr.	10-0	Rawalpindi	Arr.	12-15
Do.	Dep.	10-20	Do.	Dep.	12-27
Bharatpur	Arr.	21- 1	Lahore	Arr.	19-20
Do.	Dep.	21-11	Do.	Dep.	19-45
Delhi	Arr.	1-0	Ferozepore	Arr.	21-29
Do.	Dep.	1-31	Do.	Dep.	21-36
Bhatinda	Arr.	6-51	Bhatinda	Arr.	23- 3
Do.	Dep.	7- 1	Do.	Dep.	23-13
Ferozepore	Arr.	8-28	Delhi	Arr.	4-32
Do.	Dep.	8-35	Do.	Dep.	5- 0
Lahore	Arr.	10-20	Bharatpur	Arr.	8-36
Do.	Dep.	10-45	Do.	Dep.	8-46
Rawalpindi	Arr.	17-51	*Rutlam Jn.	Arr.	19- 5
Do.	Dep.	18- 6	Do.	Dep.	19-25
Peshawar	Arr.	22-25	Bombay	Arr.	8-20

*Fast Trains connect at Rutlam Junction to and from Mhow and Indore.

A through Carriage will run via Delhi to and from Saharanpur to the following Timings:—

Delhi	Dep.	1-15	Saharanpur	Dep.	23-15
Meerut	Arr.	2-35	Meerut	Arr.	2- 3
Do.	Dep.	2-42	Do.	Dep.	2-13
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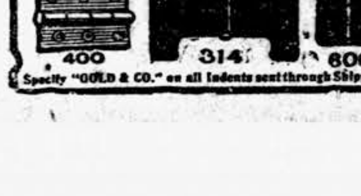
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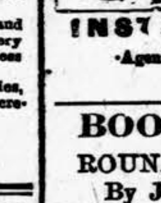
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Dreams of the Summer Night High and low voice ... ... C. B. Hawley.
Only a Flower C.D (C-E) Eb ... Seymour Ellis.
Give a man a Horse he can ride G. A (D-F) B ... ... Lambert.
There's Love in the Land E. (C-F) F ... Karoly Klay.
Life Short Tale C. (A-E) D. ... Ed. Lemare.
Only to Love you Bb C (E-F) Eb.. Arther Godfrey.
Czech Peasant Song D. (A-D) ... Percy Godfrey.
Good's Minstrel Db Eb (Bb-F) ... Ch. Marshall.
Primroses C. Eb (D-F) F.... ... Seymour Ellis.
Where Violets Grow Bb C (D-D) Eb ... Seymour Ellis.
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Rose of my Heart C. (C-E) D ... Howard Fisher.
Golden Broom Tne (Bb-F) ... Ch. Braun.
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By Schoolboys and Indian Army
TUG OF WAR
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NAVAL DISPLAY
with full guns and Equipment,
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and
MIMIC BATTLE
by the Royal Warwicks.
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At 9-30.
MUSICAL RIDE
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SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD & COMPANY,
No. 16, APOLLO STREET.

THIS DAY, MONDAY the 25th instant, being a Public Holiday on usual Weekly Sale of carriages, horses &c., will take place TO-MORROW, TUESDAY the 26th instant.

WEEKLY SALE.

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, the 26th instant, at 2-30 p. m., (S.T.) Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms No. 16, Apollo Street, Fort, a quantity of grey, white and coloured piece-goods and the following:—

Furniture, such as mirror almyrahs, drawing-room suite of sofas and chairs lined tapestry, set of dining table in 10 pieces, marble topped sideboard, writing, dressing and wash-hand tables, cots, iron safes, harmonium with piano combined, phonograph.

The property of a European gentleman—

1 walnut wood cottage piano, by Soundy and Co., in good order.

By order of the Executors of the late Mr. W. Ballock.—

1 plated tea set on 3ps. 4 entry dishes, butterpot, spoons and forks etc.

The property of a European gentleman:—made to order, large clothe press, chest of drawers, glass book-case, mirror cabinets, bottle rack etc; a number of large and small engravings, a small quantity of wines, such as Graham, 5 Crown Port Wine, sherry, burgundy, Lock, claret &c.

At 3 p.m., (S.T.)

Several gents' bicycles by different makers.
1 rubber-tyred victoria with a handsome Rangoon pony and harness.
1 rubber-tyred office shigram.
1 glass fronted double-seated brougham.

Under instructions from the Administrator-General of Bombay, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction on MONDAY, the 8th January, 1912, at 3-30 p. m. (S. T.) at their Rooms, the effects of the late Jarbai, widow of R R Mistry, such as Jewellery, Silver Vessels, metal watches, silk sarees, furniture, copper and brass pots, &c.

CRAWFORD & Co.
Bombay, 25th December, 1911.

BENNETT & COMPANY,
No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

AUCTION SALE of Unclaimed Goods, Sweepings, etc., at the G. I. P. Railway, Wari Bunder.

In accordance with Section 55 and 56 of the Railway Act 9 of 1890, and under instructions from the G. I. P. Railway, Messrs. BENNETT and Co., will, on THURSDAY, the 28th instant, at 2-30 p. m., (S. T.), sell by Public Auction, at the abovementioned place, a quantity of unclaimed goods, grain and seeds in bags, cotton seed in bags, linseed, tilly, jwari, wheat, hards and castorseed in bags, empty drums, iron bars, bundles of wooden plants, bundle of zinc sheets, iron pipe, bundle of bagging, box of knives, tins of oil, empty casks, drum of oil, bags of sugar, bundles of picking cotton, lot of old records, steel hoops and bands, lot of condemned sheets, heaps of sweeping grains, etc., etc.

AUCTION SALE of Garlands, Festoons, Opal and Amber Colour Prismatic Lamps, Candles, Lanterns etc.

Under instructions from the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, Messrs. BENNETT and Co., will, on SATURDAY the 6th proximo, at 3-30 p. m. (B. T.) sell by Public Auction, at the Municipal Office Building:—

One lot of garlands, festoons opal and amber colour prismatic lamps, white and red candles, lanterns of variegated colours and hollow bamboos and battens used for decorating and illuminating the Municipal offices during their Imperial Majesties visit to Bombay.

A deposit of 50 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

AUCTION SALE of very valuable Gold and Silver Watches and Gold, Silver and Diamond Jewellery.

On WEDNESDAY the 17th January next at 2 p.m. (S. T.) Messrs. BENNETT and Co., will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms at No. 22, Apollo Street by order of the Executors of the late Mr. N. M. Wadia, C. I. E. and on account and risk of the pledgers concerned.

A large lot of gold, silver, enamelled and metal watches, repeaters, chronographs, musical and automatic and wrist watches, hunters, also large and small Gent's and Lady's jewelled watches, one enamelled large clock watch, lady's enamelled watches, calendor and repeater watches, jewelled enamelled and calendor watches, one chatloin watch with brooch etc. etc., too many to describe also gold and silver bracelets coin necklaces, rich watch chains, soliters, brooches, enamelled studs and links, earrings carbouncles, lockets set with pearls and diamonds scarf and tie pins etc. etc. too many to describe.

The above will be on view four days before the sale.

BENNETT & Co.
Bombay, 25th December, 1911.

J. S. MODY AND COMPANY,
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SALE ON FRIDAY 29th DECEMBER.

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AUCTION SALE of Consignments of Real Artistic English Semi-Porcelain, Majolica and Chinaware and English Jewellery.

On FRIDAY, the 29th instant at 2-30 p. m. (S. T.) Messrs. J. S. MODY and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction in Medows Street, Fort opposite Treachers and next to King and Co. by order of the concerned, consignment of real English artistic semi-porcelain, Majolica and Chinaware consisting of real English hand painted gilt and colored flowered dinner sets for 6 and 12 persons tea-sets, breakfast sets, dessert sets, washsand and toilet sets, flower pots, pedestals flower vases, hanging pots, milk jugs, bacon dishes, butter dishes biscuit boxes, sardine boxes, egg and cruet stands, cheese stands, coffee pots, celery trays etc., etc.

Also a parcel of English gem set jewellery such as gold gem set and signet rings, necklaces, silver cigar cases, brushes etc., etc.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 4 days before the sale.

J. S. MODY & CO.
Bombay, 25th December, 1911.

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DAILY MARKET REPORT.

LONDON MARKETS

LONDON, DEC. 22.] [BOMBAY, DEC. 23.

FINANCIAL.

	Rates.	Plus.	Minus.
3 1-2 per cent. Consols ...	77 3-16	un	chgd
do. Rentes ...	94 1-2		1-4
3 1-2 do. Sterling Loan ...	93 1-2	un	chgd
1-2 do. Gov. Securities ...	64 1-2	un	chgd
Bar Silver in London ...	25 1-8		1-16
do. 2 months' hence ...	25 1-4	un	chgd
Bar Silver in New York ...	54 1-2		1-8
Exchange on London at Paris ...	25·24	un	chgd
do. do. at Berlin ...	20·44		01
do. do. New York ...	4·86 1-4	un	chgd
Discount Bank of England Rate ...	4 p.c.	since	
do. Short London Bills 3 months' sight ...	21st Sept 3 3-4	un	chgd
do. Indian Bank Bills 6 months' sight ...	3 1-2	un	chgd
do. 3 months' Fine Trade Bills ...	4 1-4	un	chgd
do. 6 months' Fine Trade Bills ...	4 1-4	un	chgd
Interest day-to-day Loans ...	3 5-8	un	chgd
do. 7 day Market Loans ...	3 3-4	un	chgd

Bar Gold 77·9 unchgd

Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate) 1 3 31-32 unchgd.

Amount paid into the Bank of England about £100,000.

Closing Tone of Silver—Quiet. Steady.

SPECIE SHIPMENTS.

Silver to Bombay ....£ 60,000
Bar Gold to Bombay £120,000
Sovereigns to Bombay ....£ 20,000
Silver to Calcutta ....£ 10,000

The Bank of England announced on 5-12-11:—The sum of £60,000 has been set aside for the crown agents for the Colonies on account of the Straits Settlements Note Guarantee fund gold portion.

COTTON.

LIVERPOOL—
Spot Easier. Quiet.
Futures ... Steady.
East Indian ... .
Manchester Dull and inactive.
Total Sales ... 7,000 bales
Sold on Speculation and for Export... 500 „
Imports ... 6,000 „
Mid-Americans ... 5·05—05
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 9 unchgd

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES:—

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apr.	April-May
4·89	4·89	4·91	4·92	4·95
—05	—05	—04	—04	—04
May-June	June-July	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	
4·97	4·99	5·01	5·02	
—04	—04	—04	—04	

New York Official noon call Jan. 8·80; May 9·05.
New Orleans 10 a.m. Jan. 8 95; May 9·15.
Liverpool market closed until Wednesday.

NEW YORK—

		Bales.
Receipts at all U. S. Ports	...	84,000
Receipts at U. S. last year	...	9.,000
Exports to Great Britain	...	44,000
Exports to Continent	...	57,000
Spot Cotton—	...	9·50—15

Futures—Month of Jan. 8·76—09; Futures—Month of May 9·02—09 — Declined on unfavorable cables and bearish week end figures.

NEW ORLEANS—
Spot Cotton ... 9 1-3 —1-8
Futures—Month of Jan. ... 8 90 — 10
Do. do May ... 9·11—09
Tone of Spot Cotton ... Steady.

LIVERPOOL WEEKLY COTTON STATISTICS

			Bales.
Total in Sight	...	...	......
Egyptian Visible Supply	...	...	......
East Indian do	...	...	......
American do	...	...	......
Other do	...	...	......
Total Sales	...	...	46,000
East Indian sales	...	...	200
Total Speculation	...	...	4,000
Do. Exportation	...	...	2,000
East Indian Export	...	...	......
Do. Indian Stock	...	...	8,000
Do. Forwarded Consumer	...	...	500
Do. Actual Exports	...	...	......
Do. Week's Imports	...	...	......
Do. Speculation	...	...	......
Americans Afloat	...	...	310,000
East Indian	...	...	1,000
Total afloat	...	...	348,000
			Bales.
Week's Receipts of cotton at U. S. Ports			475,000
Do. exports to Great Britain			118,000
Do. do. to France and Continent			215,000
Do. do. to Japan			88,000
Stock of cotton at U. S. Ports			1,549,000
Do. do. at Interior Ports			989,000
Stock of Cotton in London			2,730

ADDITIONAL QUOTATIONS.

Fair Red Coconada C. I. F. London ... d 4 1-4
Coconada Ginned C I F London ... d 4 11-32
Westerns G. M. C I F London ... d 5

WHEAT.

Wheat White Delhi ... Nominal.
Do. Months— ......
Do. Name of Ports— ......
Wheat White Karachi ...36 3-8 —1-4
Do. Months—Dec.-Jan.
Do. Name of Ports—London—Sellers.
Wheat Red Karachi ... Nominal.
Do. Months— ......
Tone—Dull.

SOUTH AMERICAN.

Rosario Santa Fe-62lbs. ... 35 1-2
Do. Months—Jan.-Feb.—Value—Done.
Barletta Russo 62 1-2lbs ... Nominal.
Do. Months— ......

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN.

South Australian ...36 1-4 unchgd
Do. Months—Jan.-Feb.—Sellers.
Victorian ...36 1-4 unchgd
Do. Months—Jan.-Feb.—Sellers.
New South Wales ...36 1-4 unchgd
Do. Months—Jan.-Feb.—Sellers.

SEEDS.

RAPESEED—
Yellow Cawnpore per 416 lbs., 85 p.c. ex-ship ...Nominal.
Do. Months— ... .
Do. Name of Ports— ... .
Yellow Guzerat, per 416 lbs, 85 p. c. ex-ship ...Nominal.
Do. Months— ......
Do. Name of Ports.— ......
Brown Cawnpore ... 46 1-2 unchgd.
Do. Months—Mar.-May
Do. Name of Ports—Antwerp—Sellers.
Tone—Quiet but Steady.

LINSEED—
Bombay per 416 lbs ex-ship ...63 1-2 unchgd
Do. Months—Feb.-Mar.
Do. Name of Ports—Antwerp.—Sellers.
Tone—Quiet but steady.
Linseed Argentine—La Plata ... 6s. unchgd
Do. Months—Dec.-Jan.
Do. Name of Ports—Antwerp—Buyers.

COTTONSEED—
Bombay Cottonseed ... £ 6-15-0 unchgd
Dec.-Jan.—Hull—Sellers—Quiet but steady.

MISCELLANEOUS.

COFFEE—
In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality) ... ... 14 1-2 unchgd

RUBBER—
Para Rubber ... 4 3 1-2 + 1-2
Dec.-Jan.—Value—Steady

METALS—
Copper Braziers ...... £ 74 1-2 +1-4
Yellow Metal ...... d 6 5-8 +1-4
Standard Copper G M B ...... £63 1-16—1 8
Tin Plates I. C.Coke 14 by 20 112 sheets per box weighing 90 lbs c. i. f. Liverpool ....
Bar Iron, Belgian No. 2 ordinary sizes F. O. B. Antwerp 5 2 6
Iron Corrugated Sheets 24 gauge G.O.B. 4 per cent. F. O. B. Liverpool 11 5 0
Basic Steel Bars Belgian C. I. F, India... 5 15 0

FREIGHT—
Coals—Cardiff to Bombay 12 6—Value

ARRIVALS—
"Bassano."

SUGAR—
German granulated sugar C. and F. India double bags ...17 10 1-2+2 1-4
Do. Months of Shipment Jan.-Mar.—Sellers
Tone—Steady. Very little doing rather more enquiry.
Hungarian Crystals Sugar C & F India ...Nominal.
Do. Months of Shipments ... .
German Beet-root 88 p. c. 14 7 1-2+3
Months of Shipments ... Jan.—Sellers.
Tone—Steady. Fair business at firmer rates.
E A R & Similar Crystals C & F India 19 7 1-2 unchgd
Months of Shipments ... Mar.-Aug.
Tone—Steady. More business doing.
Mauritius Crystal C & F Calcutta and Bombay 16 unchgd—Value.
Months of Shipments ...Jan.
Tone—Dull.

JAVA SUGAR.

Raw Java Nos. 16×18 C and F Calcutta 15 1 1-2—Dec.-Jan.—Value.
Do. 13 3—July-Oct.—1912—Value.
Raw Java C and F Bombay and Karachi 15 4 1-2—Dec.-Jan.—Value.
Do. 13 4 1-2—July-Oct.—1912—Value.
Fine White Java C & F Calcutta 16 1 1-2—Dec.-Jan.—Value.
Do. 15—July-Oct.—1912—Value.
Fine White Java C and F Bombay and Karachi 18 3—Dec.-Jan.—Value.
Do. 15 1 1-2—July-Oct.—1912—Value.

BOMBAY MARKETS.

SATURDAY EVENING.] [23rd DEC. 1911.

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value.	From	Importers
114 Bars Silver.	Rs. 2,25,000	London	Yokohama Bank

EXPORTS OF BAR SILVER FROM BOMBAY BY RAIL on 22nd Dec., 1911.

By	Bars	Ounces
G I P Railway	43	50,451
B B and C I Railway ...	26	31,227

The Banks and many of the markets are now closed for the Christmas Holidays and will reopen on Wednesday morning. All markets will be closed on Monday. The Home markets are also closed for Christmas.

COTTON.

MARKET REPORT:—

The market opened steady. At Colaba there was some enquiry for Nagpur-Wardha descriptions for forward delivery, but sellers were scarce, and only a very moderate business was practicable. There was a fair enquiry for ready cotton to complete December requirements.

QUOTATIONS:—

NEW CROP.

Good M G Broach	Rs.	251 1-2	March
Fine M G Wardha Hingunghat	„	249	Jan.
Fine M G Nagpur	„	247	„
Fine M G Yeotmal	„	245	„
Fine M G Dhamangaon-Pulgaon	„	243	„
Fine M G Khamgaon-Akola...	„	241-2	„
Fine M G Khandeish ...	„	234	„
F. G. M. G. Khandeish ...	„	228	„
Fine M. G. Bengal	„	244	Dec.
Fine M G Bengal	„	241	Jan.
F. G. H. G. Bengal	„	226	„

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

LINSEED:—
The market is steady.
We quote:—
Ready ... Rs. 11 15 0 B.T.
May ... „ 10 14 9 B.T.

RAPESEED:—
The market is quiet. We Quote:—
Brown Delhi A.-M. ... Rs. 8 3 3 B.T.
Yellow Guzerat ready ... „ 8 11 0 B.T.
Brown Cawnpore ready... „ 8 0 0 „

GINGELLYSEED:—
The market is quiet but steady. We quote—
Bold White 85 p.c. ... Rs. 11 9 0 B T
Gulburga ... „ 55 8 0
Red Jubbalpore ... „ 51 0 0
Black Kutni ... „ 47 0 0

CASTORSEED:—
Tone—Steady. We quote:—
Ready ... Rs. 7 7 0 B.T.
Forward ... „ 35 8 0

COTTONSEED:—
Tone—Steady. We quote:—
Ready. ...Rs 26 0 0

POPPYSEED:—
Tone—Quiet but steady. We quote:—
Ready ... Rs. 10 12 0 B. T.

GROUNDNUTS —
Tone—Steady. We quote:—
Bold ... ... Rs. 42 0 0

MOWRASEED:—
Tone—Quiet.
Ready ... Rs. 7 5 0 B. T.

WHEAT:—
The market is quiet but steady. We quote:—
White Pissi ready 85 p.c. Rs. 5 0 0 B. T.
„ Delhi A.-M. ... „ 5 3 9 „

DAY'S RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m., yesterday:—

Cotton	13,085	bales
Wheat	11,414	cwts.
Linseed	514	„
Rapeseed	785	„
Gingellyseed	11,068	„
Poppyseed	83	„
Groundnuts	13,889	„
Castorseed	688	„
Rice	6,882	„
Myrabollams	3,423	„
Cottonseed	40,288	„
Mowraseed	508	„
Gram	2,432	„
Joowar	1,456	„
Maize	17,688	„

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.
REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY COLONEL
R. W. L. DUNLOP, V. D.

Bombay, 25th December.

1164. Musketry—The Range at Ghat Kopar is allotted for Class-firing as follows:—(For all Class-firing members will take their sidearms to the Range).
Wednesday, the 27th inst. "A" Coy. (Practice)
Thursday, the 28th inst. "D" Coy.
Friday, the 29th inst. "F" Coy.
Sunday, the 31st inst. "G" Coy.
Train leaves Victoria Terminus at 6-10 a.m.

1165. The Delhi Contingent members will please return to Head-Quarters without delay all Special issues of clothing and equipment in their possession.

1166.—A Proficiency Class will be started on Monday, the 8th Jan. 1912, those wishing to appear this season should submit their names to the Adjutant at once.

E. G. J. BYRNE, Captain,
Adjt. B. V. R.

NOTICE.

Rifle Club matches 25 to 28 will be fired at Ghat Kopar on Saturday, the 30th December, by train leaving Victoria Terminus at 6-10 a. m. I V R A matches will be open on this day.

The Miniature Rifle Matches 25 to 27 will be fired on the Miniature Range at Carnac Road on Friday, the 29th inst., from 3 to 5 p.m., and Sunday, the 31st instant, from 9 to 11 a.m.

AS refreshing as a plunge in the surf is the general verdict on Dr. Benach's Spearmint Dentifrice Creme the favourite dentifrice of the Americans. Cleanses and beautifies the teeth, strengthens the gums and destroying germs purifies the breath. Tooth Elexir is for those who prefer liquid. Samples and literature post free, from MADON, SONS and Co., Crawford Market, Bombay.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcement of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS and MEMORIAM NOTICES, which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender, Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

MARRIAGE.

DICKINSON—HAYES—November 9, by the Rev Father Knockeart, S. J., at St. Peter's Church, Purnea, William Kington Dickinson, 20th Deccan Horse, third son of Mr and Mrs R B Dickinson, and Vera Gwendolyn, youngest daughter of Mr and the late Mrs G S Hayes, Purnea.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Christmas Day.

Excelsior Cinematograph Novelty Theatre, Special Attractions.—"The Imperial Durbar." Four shows nightly, 5-30 to 6-45, 7 to 8, 8-30 to 9-30, 10 to 11 p.m. Exhibition Cinematograph, continuous performance.

Skating Rink. Practice Session 8 to 9 a. m. Ladies only, 9-30 to 10-30 a. m. Evening session 6 to 8 p.m; night session 9-30 to 11-30.

Maxim: "Industry is fortune's right hand, frugality her left."—Wade.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Lorenço Marques and other places in South Africa via Tuticorin and Colombo per s.s. "Mulazi" will be closed at the General Post Office at 7-30 p.m. to-morrow, Tuesday, instead of as previously notified.

ACCIDENTAL DROWNING.

Fatality at Back Bay Bath.

THE Coroner, Mr. E. T. Lambert, held an inquest on Saturday morning, at the station hospital, Colaba, touching the death of Private Smith of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, which is stationed at Colaba.

It appears that the deceased went to the Back Bay Baths with Private J. A. Harrison of the same regiment at about 4 p.m., on Friday with the intention of having a swim. At the time there were three other men there. Harrison went into a box and undressed, but as he felt unwell left the water. On arrival, Smith had also gone into a box to undress and was not seen by his friend again. Some forty minutes later, Harrison saw the deceased's clothes, but could not see the deceased. He shouted out for him but got no reply. Harrison then asked two men belonging to the Dragoons, who were there, if they had seen him and they said "No." Harrison then looked to see if he had gone into the sea, but could not see him. The matter was at once reported to the bath-man in charge. A search was then made for the deceased and his body was found at the bottom. It was removed and artificial respiration was resorted to in vain. The deceased had three pints of stout before noon, but he was not drunk. He was not a good swimmer. It further appeared from the evidence that the body was removed with some difficulty by Private Cooper of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, who immediately on noticing the body near the shallow end in 7ft. 6in. of water, dived in, and Private Boyer of the same regiment. Death had taken place about half an hour previously.

A verdict of death from accidental drowning was returned.

THE LEPER DANGER IN BOMBAY.

Energetic Police Measures.

On Saturday, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Sykes charged a number of lepers with wandering without any visible means of subsistence.

His Worship ordered the lepers to be sent out of Bombay to the Asylum at Matunga.

FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

At the Morgue, on Saturday, Mr. E. T. Lambert held an inquest, touching the death of Raghunath Ganpat, a Hindu aged about forty.

It appeared that at 8 p.m., on Friday, Mr. C. W. Noble, manager of the Jacob Sassoon Mills, was driving his motor along Kalachoki Road. In noticing a cart on his left, he tried to turn to the right, when he saw three men in front of his car. He immediately blew his horn and swerved to the right, as there was a tramcar on the other side. Of the three men, the deceased got alarmed and before the car could be stopped, the right fan struck the deceased, who fell and the right wheel passed over him. The deceased was removed to the hospital, where he died.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

The Coroner then held an inquest, touching the death of Girdharlal Motilal a Guzerati Hindu, aged about forty. The deceased was knocked down by a taxei-cab at Kalbadevie on Friday evening.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

THEFT OF ORNAMENTS.

On Saturday, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Finan charged Sesa Vara and Cainga Daru, with the theft of ornaments valued at about Rs. 800, belonging to Mr. J. B. Madraswalla. It appeared from the evidence that the first accused stole the ornaments in the complainant's absence, and made off with them. He sold a part of the ornaments to the second accused. Both the accused were convicted. The first accused, who was a juvenile, was sent to the Reformatory, and the second was sentinced to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

Visit to H. M. S. "Cochrane."

A very interesting trip of the members and associates of the local branch of the Navy League and their lady friends was held yesterday afternoon to view H. M. S. "Cochrane", a boat of the Royal Escort now lying in Bombay harbour.

About forty persons visited the vessel, and were personally conducted by the officers over the most interesting parts of the ship.

H. M. S. "Cochrane" was launched at Fairfield in 1906, and belongs to the "Duke of Edinburgh" class of cruisers, though of an improved type, having four—7 5" guns as secondary armament in place of ten—6" guns as in other vessels of the same class.

The primary armament consists of six—9·2" guns, 4 of which can be trained on either broadside. The complement is 710 officers and men, and a maximum capacity of 2,000 tons of coal, and 450 tons of oil can be carried.

It may be of interest to mention that last Thursday, also under the auspices of the Navy League, about 120 children from the Cathedral High School, Scottish Orphanage and Indo-British Institution visited the vessel, refreshments being served. The children also gave a display of Indian Club swinging on board.

IF YOUR FRIENDS TOLD YOU

The ALBION MILK and SULPHUR SOAP is "pleasant to use and whitens and softens the skin," and "I prefer it to any other," would you miss trying a tablet? These testimonials from ladies of title (with names) are on the wrapper, and thousands (home and abroad) buy the soap. If it suits so many, may it not be worth your attention? It is a Toilet Luxury, delightful in use, delicately perfumed, refreshing and beneficial. British manufacture. Sold by Chemists, Stores, Grocers, etc., and at 76, New Oxford-street London, Established over 35 years.

AMBULANCE CONTINGENT AT THE DURBAR.

As last week was so full of State events and the time of all great officials has been fully occupied a review and Ambulance display was given by the St. John Ambulance Brigade Coronation Durbar Contingent on their parade ground.

The Contingent was inspected by the Hon. Surgeon General Sir Charles Lukis, K. C. S. I., Director-General of the I. M. S., the Hon'ble Mr. Sharp, C. I. E., Home Secretary, the Hon'ble Sir Arthur Ker. and Mr. V. Gabriel, C. V. O., C. S. I., Secretary of the Durbar Committee. The parade was attended by a large number of ladies and gentlemen interested in ambulance work.

The display consisted in a demonstration of the treatment of injuries and emergencies, various methods of transporting the sick and wounded and a demonstration of appliances and apparatus used in First Aid.

The members of the Contingent showed how neatly and deftly a broken limb could be treated with the simplest appliances such as a pugree and a couple of sticks, how bleeding could be promptly and effectively controlled with materials always at hand, the treatment of various forms of unconsciousness and the methods of rendering First Aid to the various other varieties of accident, too numerous to mention.

The Inspecting officers expressed the highest approval of the First Aid work and some surprise at the remarkable rapidity and skill with which the members of the Contingent could load up the Ambulance waggons placed at their disposal by His Highness the Maharaja of Jaipur. They were moreover much interested in the large number of contrivances for the sick and wounded devised by Rai Bahadur Dharpat Rai, C. I. E., M. V. O. The presence of this Contingent at the Durbar works marks an epoch in the progress of Ambulance work in India.

As besides their prompt attention at the serious injury at the Polo semi-finals which has already been referred to in these columns the Contingent has treated the accident to Captain Joelson, 27th Cavalry, at the Point to Point races two compound fractures of the legs, several simple fractures of various bones and many hundred minor injuries.

A detachment has been constantly on duty at Kingsway Station and has been most useful as it has rendered aid to many sufferers. The Contingent was present in force at the Durbar itself and amongst the individuals treated were two Indian Princes, the Chief Clerk of one of the Government Offices and many European ladies and gentlemen.

The men have been on duty every day throughout the Durbar period and the smartness of their uniforms and the general turn out of themselves and their Ambulance transport has been very favourably commented on by the highest officials.

As a mark of approval by the Military authorities the Contingent was permitted to be on duty at the Review and each member was granted a pass to the Grand Stand signed by the Assistant Quarter-master General of the Durbar.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—We shall thank you to publish the following letters from the Committee of the Exhibition of Old Bombay and the Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of Bhavnagar in appreciation of the services rendered by the Parsi Division of St. John Ambulance Brigade on the occasion of the Children's Fete and the Durbar Day on the 4th and 12th instant, respectively.—Yours, &c.

D. N. MARKER,
D. F. PANTHAKI,
Hon. Secretaries.

Exhibition of Old Bombay Office of the Executive Committee, Maidan, Esplanade Road, Bombay, 20th December 1911.

DEAR SIR,—I take this opportunity on behalf of the Exhibition Committee to express to you our sense of appreciation of the valuable help rendered by every one of the 20 members of your Brigade who were present on the occasion of the Children's Fete before Their Imperial Majesties on Monday the 4th instant. There were assembled that morning nearly 30,000 children, and because of the unusual heat we then experienced, there were bound to be some cases of fainting etc. A few men were promptly on the spot wherever any assistance was required and discharged their duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. I have to request you to accept yourself and to convey to Rao Bahadur Dr. Dandeker as also to the twenty members above referred to my Committee's best thanks for their excellent work.

If the Exhibition is financially successful, I will certainly prevail upon my Committee to offer a donation to your funds in recognition of the good work you are doing in the city.—Yours &c.,

PHIROZE C. SETHNA,
For self and Co. Secretaries.

Bhavnagar Camp, No. 381,
Coronation Durbar, 14th Dec. 1911.

DEAR SIR,—I am directed by His Highness the Maharaja Sahib to convey to you his best thanks for the very prompt and careful manner in which your brigade helped his brother to his camp the other day. His Highness appreciates the noble work you are doing in the cause of humanity and asks me to send you a small donation (which I herewith do) for favour of acceptance.

With renewed thanks.—Yours, &c.,

M. R. TANA.
For Private Secretary.

To Rao Bahadur, Dr. D. B. Naik Dandeker,
Chief Medical Officer, Parsi Division,
Bombay Corps, St. John Ambulance Brigade.

OPERA HOUSE.

Mr. R. G. Knowles.

No one who was present at the Opera House on Saturday night will wonder at the talented comedian who entertained them so well being termed "the great" R. G. Knowles. It was one of those occasions justifying the appropriation of the famous saying "I came, I saw, I conquered," for before Mr. Knowles had sung a line, his inimitable "entrance" and headlong plunge into a torrent of excruciatingly funny patter, took the audience by storm, and presaged an entertainment of half an hour or so which was one prolonged triumph. The house was packed from floor to ceiling, and as song followed song, and the flow of humour seemed to wax ever stronger, the audience shrieked with laughter and shouted enthusiastic applause. If his local triumph is overshadowed by those at the London Coliseum, which he comes to us fresh from, it was none the less genuine, and certainly no artist could have wished for a more enthusiastic reception than was accorded Mr. Knowles on Saturday night. His first song "Get it over"—the comedian's advice to unkissed young ladies—was received with roars of almost delirious laughter, and from thence onward the audience only repressed their mirth in order not to miss the next tit-bit of mirth and merriment. Mr. Knowles' dancing interlude proved especially popular, while his voluble flow of language seemed inexhaustible and never failed to set the house in a roar. His moving expostulations with the orchestra made the fun faster and more furious than ever, while his song "The pin, Hat pin and Safety Pin" was the climax of a series of tuneful ditties which kept his hearers in convulsions. And when Mr. Knowles at last tore himself away, after a deliciously diverting farewell speech, the house shouted long and loudly for yet another re-appearance.

Mr. Knowles, however, was not to be drawn again, but left his audience wishing for more, a desire which will be satisfied to-morrow, when he will present an entirely new programme. His entertainment is of such rare quality and infinite variety that we have no hesitation in saying that those who miss attending either of his performances will have deprived themselves of a treat such as has not been afforded locally for many a year.

THE NEW RIFLE.

It is stated that the design for the new rifle has been passed and orders given for its construction in sufficient numbers to point to a speedy issue. The main feature in the new rifle (says the London correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian") is the strengthening of the breech mechanism to enable it to resist the energy required to give a point-blank range of 800 yards. All trials have proved the new model to have a flat trajectory up to 800 yards, which makes the weapon of equal military value with the German weapon, which has been held up to Europe as the model of what the modern soldier's small arm should be.

SEASON AND CROP REPORT FOR 1910-1911.

The following Government Resolution No. 11,771, dated 18th December, 1911, passed on the season and crop report of the Bombay Presidency for the year 1910-1911 is published for general information:—

"The rains of 1910 were generally good and well distributed throughout the Presidency proper. There was, however, in some tracts damage to kharif crops from excessive rain in September. In parts of the Deccan and Karnatak, grasshoppers caused some loss in kharif crops, and a severe frost in February, 1911, materially reduced the outturn of the rabi harvest in Gujarat and the North Deccan. In Sind a favourable inundation combined with good rainfall resulted in an extension of cultivation.

The outstanding features of the season in the Presidency proper were, as in the previous year, the large total area cropped and the extensive cultivation of cotton. 1909-10 the gross area cropped was the largest for 14 years, but in 1910-11, there was a still further increase of 7,000 acres, due to the cultivation of lands recently disforested. The area under cotton was 500,000 acres greater than the large area of the previous year, and as much as 42 per cent. above the normal. The great fluctuation in the area cultivated with cotton which occurred last year in certain districts are to be observed again in the year under report, as the following figures show:—

	1908-09.	1909-10.	1910-11.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Ahmednagar ...	36,000	1,71,000	2,14,000
Poona	500	16,000	25,000
Sholapur	17,000	97,000	79,000
Bijapur	3,71,000	6,09,000	6,41,000

Sholapur was the only district in the Presidency, which showed a decrease in area as compared with 1909-10. Owing to frost, however, and in some cases to late rains the outturn of the crop for the whole Presidency including Baroda, Kathiawar and other Native States was 12 1-2 per cent. less than in the previous year although the area under cotton was 13 per cent. greater. The frost did an immense amount of damage in Gujarat, Kathiawar and Baroda, which include more than half the cotton growing area. Statement V attached to the Report gives the estimated outturn by British districts and, though the estimates are probably considerably less than the actuals, they afford a useful basis of comparison with the estimated outturn of the preceding year. They show that, excluding Gujarat, the outturn in the Presidency, including Sind was about equal to that of the previous year. The area in Gujarat was only 18 per cent. of the area in the whole Presidency so that, as regards British territory, the fall in the outturn was not so serious at the figures in paragraph 12 of the Report lead one to believe was the case. It was, moreover, compensated by the keen and sustained demand for Indian cotton in foreign markets which led to prices advancing to from 9 to 14 per cent. in excess of those obtaining in the previous year, when also they were much higher than usual. With prices 41 to 56 per cent. higher than during the five years ending 1909, with an increased area under cotton and on the whole with a good outturn, the cotton season was undoubtedly a prosperous one for the cultivator.

Of non-food crops other than cotton, oil-seeds covered an increase area of 53,000 acres. This, with the expansion under cotton, practically accounts for the total increase of 558,009 acres under non-food crops.

Corresponding to this increase under non-food crops, there was a decrease of 551,000 acres under food crops, due to a decline of the area under bajri of 571,000 acres or 11 per cent. as compared with the preceding year. The outturn of the food crops was much better than would be imagined from the estimates which appear in statement V of the Report, and as in the case of cotton so also with food crops, these estimates serve as a reliable guide only when they are contrasted with the similar estimates of the preceding year. The figures in paragraph 11 of the Report show that, while the area under cereals and pulses, which represent the larger part of food crops, fell by 528,000 acres or 2·7 per cent., the outturn was actually 170,000 tons or 4 per cent. better than in 1909-10. This may be taken as proof of the very favourable nature of the season.

In Sind, a good inundation and seasonable rains resulted in an increase in the area of cultivation, amounting to 300,000 acres or 7·3 per cent. more than in the previous year. Two-thirds of the increase was under jowari and wheat. The outturn of food-grains was, however, 10 per cent. less than in 1909-10, notwithstanding an increase of 5 per cent. in area of cultivation. The area under cotton increased by 63,000 acres or 30 per cent. The total area under this crop was as much as 52 per cent. above normal, and in spite of damage by frost the outturn also was considerably better than in the previous year.

Prices of food-grains again showed a tendency to fall in consequence of the bountiful harvests, but they were still above the average. Wages continued high."

THE IRON MHOT.

An Agricultural Department leaflet says:—During the last ten years, the price of leather has almost doubled, and the leather "mhot" hitherto used all over the West and South of India, which formerly cost rupees ten, is now selling at rupees twenty or even more. It is, moreover, not a very lasting instrument, and needs considerable expense for repairs in little more than a year.

As a result of the increase in price, various designs of iron "mhot" have been prepared. Most of these have been very heavy, and the arrangements for filling and emptying have not been altogether satisfactory. Several are now on the market, however, in which these difficulties have been got over. The best we have so far examined and tested is one made by Messrs. Bhide and Sons of Sangli. This is cheap and effective, and its work has been carefully tested on the Agricultural College Farm, Poona.

The iron "mhot" in question is very little heavier than the leather "mhot" generally used. The time required for filling and emptying is about the same as with the lether "mhot." The valve at the bottom through which the iron "mhot" is filled, is made water-tight by cotton washers which, when worn or cut, can be renewed by anyone at once.

In case the height of water in the well is insufficient to dip the iron "mhot" completely, a further small excavation should be made in the place where the "mhot" drops into the well.

It has been sometimes objected that the iron "mhot" may catch the walls of the well and be damaged, more especially with brick wells. To avoid this it is necessary that the "wadhwan" and the "kana" (roller) should be fixed sufficiently forward so as to allow free movement of the "mhot" without danger of catching the wall.

The iron "mhot" will last at least as long as the leather *mhot*. It can be easily repaired by an ordinary village blacksmith.

To work this *mhot*, no alterations are necessary in the usual structures, at the head of the well if the "wadhwan" (wooden fittings) and the "tharola" (receiving basin for the water) are properly constructed.

The prices of the "mhots" are:—

No. 1.—Worked by two bullocks and holding thirty-five gallons of water, Rs. 10; No. 2.—Worked by two bullocks and holding forty-five gallons of water, Rs. 11-8; and No. 3.—Worked by four bullocks and holding fifty-five gallons of water, Rs. 13-8.

A special arrangement for emptying the full "mhot" in its upward course in case of emergency can be made at an extra cost of Rs. 1-2.

REMARKABLE CHINESE CRUISER.

The trials of the Chinese cruiser "Yin Swei," built by Messrs. Vickers, Limited, at Barrow, were successfully completed on Dec. 2. This remarkable vessel was specially designed by her builders for the training of the officers of the Chinese Navy. She is fitted with a great variety of armament and machinery so as to enable officers and men to acquaint themselves with her mechanism and thus be able to manipulate similar features on light and heavy fighting ships. She has two types of boilers, cylindrical and water tube, six different types of guns, duplicated auxiliary machinery of different designs, and she is strongly protected. On her full power trial she attained twenty-one and a quarter knots speed, and her low power-trial, little more than one-fifth of the total horse-power during twenty-four hours' steaming, nearly twelve and a-half knots. Her guns and torpedoes and her varied mechanism were tested on her trial with satisfactory results.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

The steamer Angus 2,220 tons, Captain D. W. Kess, sailed on Saturday for Calcutta with ballast.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Upada, 3,382 tons, Captain C. E. Hodgson, will sail on 26th instant for Bushire with ballast.

The s. s. Kilkerran, 2,413 tons, Captain D. W. M. Wilson, arrived here on Saturday from Freemantle, Dec. 6, with a cargo of timber.

The steamer Brodstone, 3,069 tons, Captain B. Martin sailed on Saturday for Liverpool and Avonmouth, with a general cargo.

The P. and O. Co's mail steamer Oceana, 3,507 tons, Captain D. Jones, sailed on Saturday for Aden, with a general cargo.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Lhasa, 950 tons, Captain H. Manley, arrived here on Saturday from Karachi December 21, with mails a general cargo and passengers.

The steamer Asterturm 3152 tons Captain F. Gossmann arrived here yesterday from Karachi, December 21, with a general cargo.

The City Line steamer City of Birmingham 4838 tons Captain B. Dowse arrived here yesterday from Liverpool November 30, with a general cargo and passengers.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Dwarka 759 tons Captain Willoxon arrived here yesterday from Busreh Dec. 16 via Karachi &c., with a general cargo and passengers.

MEN-OF-WAR & ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

H M S Medina......Capt A E M ..Chatfield Royal Navy
H M S Defence......Capt H H Bruce ......Royal Navy
H M S Cochrane ..Capt W E Goodenough ..Royal Navy
H M S Argyll...Capt M Culme-Seymour...Royal Navy
H M S Natal.........Capt Clement Greatorex...R Navy
H M S Perseus......Comdr C P B Powell...R Navy
H M S Sphinx......Comdr John Harvey...Special Service steamer

R I M S Hardinge ...Comdr Luck ....Troopship
Dongola ....Spicer ....H Transport
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VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—Dec. 23.

Arcadia ....3513 Barcham...London....P & O Co
Avala ....2332 Canham...W & A Graham & Co
Firoozi..............2029 Primrose...Karachi......19-12 .. B & P S N & Co
Gutenfels ....3501 Franziers...W & A Graham & Co
Gallia......555 Wratt...repairing ...J Mackintosh & Co
Gramsbergen......3117 Goot...L'pool...T Morrison & Co
Hymelties ....2895 Wills......................F C & Co
Harpenden ....2302 Cromack ....A Yule & Co
Irishmere ....2836 Hunter ....T M & Co
Kasara .... 504 King ....M M & Co
Kilkerran............2413 ....W & A Graham & Co
Lindula.............2183 Whytehead...Calcutta...M M & Co
Maloja ....6782 Wilson......London ..P & O Co
Nurani...............2870 Crebbir...Calcutta...T M & Co
Pundua.............2126 McDiarmed..............M M & Co
Querimba.........4757 Smith........................M M & Co
Wearbeck..........2446 Shotton.....................

VESSELS IN DOCK.—Dec. 23.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Vessels.	Tons.	Capts.	Dest.	Date.	Agents.
A Pentakota	2209	Stewart	Durban		M M & Co
D&E Pasha	3958	Elliott	Karachi		T M & Co
G Naseri	912	Watson	P Gulf	27-12	B & P S N Co
H President	2086	Bremer	Zanzibar	2-1-12	A Strandes & Co
K Umzumbi	2138	Rivics	London	30-12	W & A G & Co
O Caboto	2826	Schaffino	Calcutta	27-12	Venice S N Co
P Towergate	2358	Jackson	L'pool	6-1-12	W & A Graham & Co
Q Newbridge	2397	Wellett	Antwerp	29-12	W & A G & Co
VICTORIA DOCK.					
1 Marq Bacquehem	2752	Nicolich	Trieste	28-12	A L S N Co
2 Circassia	4328	Osborne	L'pool		W & A G & Co
3 Peebles	2731	Wallace	Hull	31-12	W & A Graham & Co.
5 Koerber	3164	Foresto	Trieste	1-1-12	A L S N Co
6 Hakata Maru	3819	Nomura	Kobe	29-12	N Y Kaisha
7 Nippon	4015	Tarabochia	Kobe	27-12	A L S N Co
8 Ardgarroch	3160	England	Hull		K N & Co
9 Rabenfels	2893	Heimer	Karachi	20-12	W & A Graham & Co
10&11 Chyebassa	3391	Wadge	Aut	2-1-12	M M & Co
12&13 Persia	4954	Haughton	London	13-1-12	P & O Co
15 Hurst	2997	Moody	Liverpool	25-12	W & A G & Co
H W P D					
Sabarmati	524	Ahmed	Repairing		Bo S N Co
Sarasvati	443	Ibram			Bo S N Co
M W D					
Neilos	757	Cadon	(Repairing)		The Arab M N Co

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessels	Commanders	From
23	Kilkerran	Wilson	Freemantle, Dec 6
	Lhasa	Manley	Karachi, Dec 21
24	Asterturm	Gussmann	Karachi, Dec 21
	City of B'gham	Dowse	L'pool, Nov 30
	Dwarka	Moxon	Busreh, Dec 16

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessels.	Commanders.	Destination.
23	Brodstone	Martin	Liverpool
	Oceana	Jones	Aden
	Angus	Kess	Calcutta
24	Clan Gordon	Gray	Cochin
	Hindoo	Groves	Hull

The steamer Upada Hodgson, for Bushire obtained her portclearance on Saturday.

The following vessels began to load on Saturday :—
Steamer Rabenfels for Hamburg.
" Asterturm for Antwerp, &c.

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FOR TRIESTE.
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FOR HAMBURG.
Rabenfels s—2,000 cwts castorseed and 8,920 cwts barley, Ralli Bros.

FOR BREMEN.
Rabenfels s—275 bales cotton, Volkart Bros.

FOR HAVRE.
Hurst s—800 cwts horns, E Mahomed.

FOR PHILADELPHIA.
Asterturm s—2,000 tons manganese ore, R A Willis.

At a meeting of the Senate of Calcutta University held on Saturday afternoon a resolution was adopted recording their loyal expression of gratitude to His Majesty the King-Emperor for conferring on their Vice-Chancellor Sir Ashutosh Mukerjee the dignity of Knighthood.

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Monday, 25th December, 1911.

THE WAR IN TRIPOLI.

LITTLE news comes of the operations in Tripoli the explanation being that Italy is unable to carry them any further at the present time. The fact is the Italian Army is not supplied with a Transport to advance into the desert. It is, as a military writer in "Blackwood" observes, in the predicament of not daring to operate inland with a small force and yet being without the means of supporting an advance with sufficient numbers to ensure the defeat of its enterprising enemy. In a sentence Italy does not know what surprises the hinterland of Tripoli has in store for her and she is diffident about the best way of finding out. Every calculation which Italian statesmen made when they decided to engage upon this Tripoli adventure has miscarried and so until the spring little, if anything, further may be anticipated. But whether Italy will succeed in taking and retaining possession of the country is doubtful. Looking at the adventure dispassionately we are forced to the conclusion that it is no exaggeration to say that from the time of the Young Turks' revolution Italy had in contemplation a sudden descent upon Tripoli at the first favourable opportunity. It was only the fear of European objections that prevented her from falling upon Tripoli when Austria mulcted the Ottoman Empire of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Ferdinand established the complete independence of Roumalia. The opportunity came with the trend of events in Morocco. Says "Blackwood's" contributor, "in spite of Socialism and its dwarfing influences Italy is still a patriotic country. If this patriotism is somewhat of a hysterical order, none the less it proved valuable to the statesmen who were intent upon robbing Turkey of Tripoli." It was insidiously suggested by Italian journals that the German occupation of Agadir was but a preliminary to a German campaign of aggrandisement which destined Tobruk as the next probable seizure. Italian public opinion was inflamed by a mysterious statement that negociations were already afoot by which the Porte was ceding the port to Germany. "Having manufactured public opinion in that way the Italian Government gave its preliminary orders for the mobilisation of an expeditionary force. Public sentiment waxed strong in its favour and Italy armed; while neither Europe nor Turkey believed that she was in earnest."

The town of Tripoli, which is now under Italian domination, is described as standing upon the enclave of a little bay which forms a natural harbour. It is built partly upon a sandy beach and partly upon an excrescence of rock that juts out into the sea. The feature of the place is the oasis—a strip of moisture-retentive soil about twelve kilometers in length, dividing the coast-line from the actual desert. This strip, which has an average depth of about a mile and a quarter is an immense palm-grove. Between the interstices of the palm-trees flourish cacti, fig and olive-trees. Nestling beneath the shade of the grove are the villages of the town Arabs, ordinary flat-roofed edifices that are common to North Africa. For the most part they are encircled, or their garden patches are enclosed with low mud walls and a bewildering labyrinth of cactus hedge. Among the villages are a number of Moslem burial grounds which in many cases have been walled in to save the tombs from the wear of the water-courses formed during the torrential rains of the rainy season. The town proper is "just one of those mazes in oriental architecture that bewilder the Western conception in sanitary town planning. It is a medley of tall houses enclosing court-yards and forming, in consequence of their grouping, those dark alleys and hideous streets which breed the diseases inseparable from Eastern life." In places the monotony of the dingy streets is relieved by the frescoes in the mosques and here and there is found a long covered-in bazaar of the model which is common to Turkistan, Persia, Syria and North Africa. The defences consist, or consisted, of a few mud batteries on both horns of the bay and a group of forts on the seashore while on the west the palm-grove terminates in desert. Such is the town and such the fortifications which were of course able to offer no resistance to the Italian bombardment.

Turkey's attitude in the matter is certainly remarkable. She merely sits still and does nothing aud in this way, will probably defeat Italy, for whereas the "War" is, as is estimated, costing Italy nearly three millions sterling a week, it is not costing the Ottoman Empire as many piastres a year. Turkey cannot send troops to Tripoli, as if she endeavoured to do her ships would instantly be destroyed by Italy's superior navy. Italy may discuss the desirability of striking at Constantinople, but she will never deem it advisable and it is impossible to tell how long the Turks in Tripoli and the Arabs will hold out. To annihilate or crush them Italy will need to put many more men in the field than she has at present available. Two divisions, at the outset, were calculated to be the utmost strength which would be required. It was argued that if Italy put a division ashore at Tripoli, a brigade at Bhenghazi and split up another brigade amongst other coast ports, Turkey, with her fleet destroyed, would have no choice but to accept the inevitable and surrender her claims in North Africa at discretion. But Turkey's programme was not as Italy anticipated, so Italy instead of occupying Tripoli with forty-six thousand men for a few weeks until the country was ceded to her, finds herself under the obligation of entering upon an Arab War that may last months and necessitate the mobilisation of perhaps two hundred thousand men. That is assuming that the Turkish troops in the Hinterland do not exceed in number the figure commonly given. Turkey neglected her garrison in Tripoli. It is generally believed to have been but four thousand strong, but ten thousand is now said to have been more nearly the number whilst the force of Arabs who may be called in to assist is beyond computation. At the present juncture therefore Italy is wise to mark time, but it is an expensive amusement and before the end of it Italy may find—even if she eventually triumphs—that she has paid vastly too much for her whistle.

SUBMISSION OF PERSIA.

THE latest news from Persia makes for peace. The Mejliss has decided to accede to all the demands contained in the Russian ultimatum, and in view of all the circumstances we think has acted with much wisdom. But we do not go to the length of saying that all the demands were justified, or that a less drastic attitude by Russia would not have secured her adequate amends for any offence committed against her *amour propre*. What will happen next is difficult to foresee. Mr. Morgan Shuster, it may be presumed, will go, and as his departure is one of the results of compliance with the Russia demand it may be regarded as possible that Great Britain and Russia combined will feel obliged, in honour, to fill the gap which his severance from Persian will create. If the Russian assurances can be regarded as sincere, it is certain that no designs are entertained of territorial aggrandisement in Persia, and it is equally certain that in this respect the same can be said of the British Foreign Office. At the same time it is doubtful whether the two Powers will be able to maintain the old attitude of aloofness with the domestic affairs of the country. It was at one time believed that the wellbeing of Persia and her people would best be furthered by that policy, but the last three years have thrown up the characteristics of the peoplo in a very lurid light indeed. The conditions that have prevailed in the interior have been all to the bad. Trade of all kinds has been seriously interfered with : property and life have been held as of no account : national obligations to foreigners who have trusted Persia in financial and commercial relations have been ignored, almost contemptuously; and, indeed, the whole economical system of the country was in such chaotic confusion that the presence of British and Russian troops became of prime necessity. Unfortunately, those who professed to be friends of the country misunderstood the measures adopted by the authorities in London and St. Petersburg to meet these conditions, with the result that the Foreign Offices in both capitals have been assailed in the most unintelligible manner. That this has had a retarding effect on the efforts put forward to effect an improvement is beyond doubt, and we think both Russia and Great Britain may be congratulated that they have not been deterred by the storm of evil report from pushing on the work they begun. That regrettable incidents have occurred all will be prepared to admit; but, happily, the fact stands out clear to-day that there is no design on the independence of the country, and that the only object which Russia and Great Britain desire to achieve is to make Persia more secure, and a happier home for the Persians themselves.

It is obvious, of course, that this ideal can never be attained if the old methods are continued. The Persian authorities, riven by dissension and harassed by reactionaries, have proved hopelessly incompetent to grapple with the most elementary domestic crises with which they have been confronted, and their inaction, unfortunately the result of despair, has frequently resulted in sparks, that could easily have been extinguished as soon as they were discovered, becoming grave conflagrations. Corruption, political ineptitude and inertia have been at the bottom of all the trouble, and as this has been clearly recognized in Europe it is possible that some steps may now be taken to inaugurate an arrangement by which the Persians will be enabled to grip and control more effectively their own affairs. And this view is not only held in London and St. Petersburg. For, according to a recent despatch from Paris, it seems to be believed there that Germany, who is not without interests in the Persian Gulf, believes that this is impending, and that she would now "fain push the Persian question into the forefront of politics and help to solve it together with England and Russia on the lines of the Morocco arrangement. That arrangement, it will be remembered began with a diplomatic Te Deum, chanted for the independence of the Moors and their Sultan, and ended in a well paid requiem for both." That German intervention will be tolerated need not be thought of for a moment, but the opinion quoted is interesting as showing the mental attitude of the continent towards the question. Russia and Great Britain are in treaty in the matter, and so far as outward appearances show, also in perfect accord as to the course to be pursued. The Convention of 1904 is rapidly being justified, and any attempt to solve the Persian problem will be well within the scope of its terms and conditions.

SALVATION ARMY ACTIVITIES.

THE veteran leader of the "Salvation Army" has succeeded in enlisting the very active sympathy of many prominent people in Europe, as is shown by the support accorded to him recently at a large meeting held in London. The occasion was the opening of a home for men in Bermondsey, and the ceremony was performed by the Duke of Argyll who was supported by such well-known people as the Duchess of Marlborough, Lord Armstrong, Lady St. Davids, Sir G. R. Askwith, K. C., Sir Edward Clarke, K. C., Sir Daniel M. Hamilton, Sir Robert Laidlaw, Sir Charles C. Wakefield, General Sir A. G. Montgomery-Moore, Lady Gould, and the Hon. S. Coleridge. "General" Booth's great society has now been in existence for forty-six years, and in that time has webbed the entire world with its propaganda. Of the good it has effected there is no need to speak, for while many of its methods still come in conflict with the generally recognized systems of orthodox Christian activity, the police of a dozen countries, including India, speak in the warmest admiration of the results it has achieved. Work in British slums and Indian jungles has been as succesful as in the easier fields found among the more respectable lower classes, and the "General", who is now well over eighty years of age, and unfortunately nearly blind, can after reviewing a splendid life of strenuous toil sing his *Nunc Dimittis*, not that of course all do not hope that he will be spared to inaugurate some of the great schemes he has in design.

THE R. I. M. S. "Mayo" with the Lieutenant-Governor of Burma and party arrived at Rangoon on Saturday from Calcutta.

It is intended to appoint a committee to deal with matters relating to the planning of the New Capital at Delhi.

MR. BISHEN NARAIN DHAR, President-elect of the Indian National Congress, arrived in Calcutta yesterday.

The *Pioneer* understands that the bridging of the Ganges at the Mokameh is practically settled, there remaining only the engineering points to be settled by experts and the details of cost to be worked out.

MRS. BANERJEA, wife of Mr. Surendranath Banerjea, Editor of the *Bengalee*, died on Saturday morning at 5 a.m. at the house of her son-in-law, Lt.-Col. Mukerjee, I. M. S., at Calcutta.

THE *Englishman* understands that on the initiative of Lord Hardinge the special branch of the Criminal Investigation Department will be abolished from the beginning of the next year.

THE total approximate gross earnings of State and Guaranteed Railways from 1st April to 9th December, 1911, show a gain of Rs. 2,60,20,821, as compared with the corresponding figures for 1910-11.

THE successor, in the Imperial Legislative Council, to the Hon. Mr. Maung Bah Too, C. I. E., who has resigned that office, and in the Burma Legislative Council, will be elected by the non-official members of the Local Council next week.

THE P. and O. Co's mail steamer "Oceana," which sailed for Aden on Saturday, had among the passengers she carried home—Surg.-Genl. Sir F. W., Lady and Miss Trevor, Genl. Sir James and Lady Bell, Count Dohna, Brig. Genl. J. E. W. Headlam, Lt. Genl. Sir D. Haig, K.C.V.O., C. B. and Lady Haig, H. H. Sir Fathet Ahmed Sultan, K. C. S. I.

IT is notified in the current *Punjab Gazette* that certain lands in the neighbourhood of Delhi are required by the Government of India, for the new capital of Delhi, and the Collector of Delhi is directed to take orders for the acquisitions of these lands. The lands in question are situated in Delhi and Ballabgarh Tehsils. No less than 126 blocks of land were specified the largest of which in Delhi Mouzai is over eight thousand acres in extent.

SIR DAVID AND LADY MASON left Lahore on December 22nd for a tour in Southern India preparatory to going Home. Sir David spent forty years of his life in the Punjab, was the founder and head of the Punjab Banking Co. and for thirty years he was Managing Director of the Kangra Valley Estate Co. and twice served as a member of the Punjab Legislative Council.

As showing the press of work thrown upon the Telegraph Office in the Durbar Camp at Delhi, apart from the ordinary and Press traffic, the *Pioneer* mentions that on the 12th instant no less than 9,000 messages of a special kind were received conveying congratulations to recipients of Coronation honours, and many of them were sent from one Camp to another.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

The Spanish Incident.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, DEC. 9.

"SIR EDWARD GREY said that if the day ever came when England, in matters affecting her welfare, could be set aside as of no account, that day would mark the end of England's existence as a Great Power. Gentlemen, I claim the same rights in the name of Germany." This sentence formed the key-note of the German Chancellor's speech in the Reichstag this afternoon in connection with the second debate on the Morocco Treaty. Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg referred first to the "period of silence," between July 4 and July 21, and declared that this silence was mutual; only on July 12, he said, the British Ambassador in Berlin spoke of the possibility of three-cornered conversations on Morocco between Germany, France, and Spain, and hinted that such conversations would not be well received in England. On the same day the British Ambassador received the official assurance of the German Government that it had no intention of entering into such negotiations. The Imperial Chancellor declared, with reference to Sir Edward Grey's statement to the German Ambassador in London, on July 4, that the British Government considered a new situation had been created by the despatch of the Panther to Agadir, which might affect British interests in the future, that he could not consider this as a question requiring an answer. Then Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg came to the real gist of his speech, and declared in the plainest possible manner that Germany was determined to assert her rights as a Great Power, and pursue her self-appointed course without reference to the wishes of others. "Considering past events," he said, "I am of opinion that the Morocco trouble arose because these rights of ours have not always been recognised. We went first to Algeciras, and then to Agadir, in order to protect our own interests, and show the world that we were determined not to allow ourselves to be pushed on one side. If the consequences of this were real or imagained preparations for war in England, we can only register our regret, but we decline to accept the responsibility. We also decline to be turned from the course which we have marked out for ourselves as necessary in Germany's interests." The Imperial Chancellor spoke of the wish expressed by English Ministers for better relations with Germany, and declared that he himself shared these wishes, but that he could not forget that the same expressions had been heard on both sides many times in recent years. "We, also, gentlemen, wish for peace and friendship with England, but the real development of this good relationship will only proceed as far as the English Government allows it." Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg declared that other nations must reckon with the forward progress of Germany; and he closed with a patriotic appeal for a free outlook in cool blood and quiet strength and unfaltering unity in great national questions. The Chancellor's speech was marked by much applause from all parties of a crowded House, and the reception accorded his utterances to-day was widely different from the chilly silence which greeted him three weeks ago in the first Morocco debate, and is very significant as indicating a general endorsement of what is undoubtedly meant as an official declaration that Germany is not prepared to accept England's friendship except on terms of recognised equality.

CAUSE OF FRICTION.

In the course of his speech Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg said :—"Sir Edward Grey stated that the Chancellor of the Exchequer desired to make it clear without provocation that where English interests were affected, England must not be treated as if she were of no account herself, adding that if the time ever came when that could not be clearly said, then England would have ceased to exist as a great nation. I claim exactly the same right for Germany. When, however, I glance back at the past, I find that the Morocco tangle arose through this right not having always been granted to Germany (loud cheers). The year 1904, in which England and France disposed of Morocco without considering the interests of Germany in the solution of the Morocco problem, was the proton pseudomenos (the initial error) (general cheers). From it arose the necessity for us to go to Algeciras, and later to Agadir—that is to say, the necessity to defend our economic interests ourselves, and to show the world that we are firmly determined not to allow ourselves to be pushed on one side, or to be forced from the path pointed out to us by the protection of the interests and dignity of the Empire. The negotiations were conducted by both France and ourselves even in the most difficult moments with the unalterably proved desire of reaching a peaceful solution. That too, was not unknown to England, for Sir E. Grey stated that he had never considered a rupture of negotiations probable. At length we arrived at the goal which we had set before ourselves from the beginning. This goal affected no British interests directly. It therefore contains in itself matter for removing English anxiety. The best proof of this is that England officially expressed her satisfaction at the conclusion of the negotiations. In spite of all that, a situation developed that in English eyes brought a war against Germans—that is a world war—close at hand. When all the bearings are so hot, then there must be a serious defect in the machine. Englishmen talk of the 'clean slate'—this slate on which quite recently there has been writing with a hard pencil, and on which there have been scratches.) If this slate in future is to be covered with clear writing then it must not be distrust which guides the pencil. Rightly, Sir Edward Grey sees no aggressive plans behind the growing strength of Germany, and I welcome the fact that, in agreement with him, the English Prime Minister rejects every thought of envy and jealousy against our upward and striving nation. We, too, sincerely desire peace and friendship with England. The actual development of good relations between our two countries will only be able to proceed in proportion as the English Government is prepared to give positive expression, in her policy as well, to the need for such relations. We have gone through a serious, hard, and threatening time. May the German people now clearly see what it owes to itself—not depression or provocative arrogance, but a clear eye, cool blood, quiet strength, and firm union in great national questions."

SPANISH KING AND INFANTA.

It was announced on Saturday that King Alfonso of Spain had definitely severed his connection with his aunt, the Infanta Eulalia. The cause of the breach is the publication of a book of essays on moral and ethical subjects, under the signature of her Royal Highness. The Infanta Eulalia married from the Spanish court Prince Antoine de Bourbon-Orleans, and has two sons, Prince Alfonso, aged 25, and Prince Luiz Fernando, aged 23. Latterly the Infanta has resided chiefly in Paris, where she has maintained an establishment of her own, and both she and her sons are very well known in the branch of Paris society which still strives to keep up the tradition of the "salons" of the eighteenth century, where conversation reigns instead of bridge. The Infanta's mental ability and personal distinction, rather than her title, have given her a predominant place in these social circles, and it is no secret that her broad views have done a great deal to alter the general attitude of Paris society towards political questions of the day. She is an out-and-out feminist, and in some questions is as "advanced" as the generality of democrats. On Saturday evening she received the following telegram from King Alfonso :—

Palace, Madrid.

Astonished to see in the newspapers that you are publishing a book under the signature "Countess Avila," and from other information received I suppose that it will provoke a great sensation. I order you to suspend publication till I have perused it, and until I give you permission for publication.

The Infanta's reply is:—

"Greatly astonished to find you pass judgment on my book before you have read it. This could happen only in Spain. Having never loved life at Court, and having always held myself aloof, I profit by this occasion to bid you my adieux, for after this incident, worthy of the Inquisition, I consider myself free to act in my private life as may seem good to me."

The book is called "Au Fil de la Vie" Plato, Seneca, Montaigne, Emerson, Kant, and Ibesen. A writer who has seen proof sheets says that it is written in a bright, vivacious style, which discards both ornament and affectation. "By its lucidity, candour, conciseness, and complete absence of ambiguity, it recalls," he says, "the Commentaries of Cæsar and the Memoirs (Napoleon's) of St. Helena." It is written in French. Its principal chapters deal with the general cause of happiness, the education of the will, the complete independence of woman, the equality of class by means of education, Socialism and religion, and prejudice and tradition in the question of marriage. The Infanta is outspoken in denouncing the prevailing fear of ridicule, the hasty judgments of public opinion, and the perils of prejudice. As a disciple of Montaigne, she gives many deft and probing thrusts at the traditionalist. She proclaims herself in favour of divorce, but she asks that the law in this regard shall be one of justice, and not, as is so commonly the case, she says, "a tacit understanding which cloaks libertinage." She says, moreover, "woman in principle is the equal of man."

THE AUTHORESS INTERVIEWED.

"I had to bring it out, and I had to bring it out quickly, said the Infanta in an interview. My case was clear, and I was left no choice. Because of my opinions, I have enemies at Court, especially in ecclesiastical circles. My book undoubtedly was not to be expected to propagate their opinions. At all events statements were made about my book which made it necessary to publish it. The telegram from the King precipitated matters, and now it is brought out hurriedly and in a form different from what I at first intended. It had been insinuated too clearly that I was following the lines of the ex-Crown Princess of Saxony. It was said also that I was bringing out an attack on the Throne and on the Monarchy. It was quite untrue that I could ever adopt either the one attitude or the other, but if I had acquiesced in the demand made in the King's telegram, even worse than that might have been said, and would have been said, I think—athough I am no cynic—about the suppressed book. Not only would my position have been ruined at Court, but it would have been ruined here in Paris, and what is more, my daughter-in-law, who is the daughter of the Duke in Edinburgh, and is thoroughly English, would have been unable to take up the position due to her rank at the Court of Madrid. If I had even delayed publication, it might have been supposed that I had suppressed some obnoxious chapters, even though it may be seen at once that they could scarcely harmonise with the relative austerity of those now published. I preferred to have everything clear and above board." The Infanta, who has nothing Spanish in her appearance being a pale blonde with clear blue eyes, delivered herself of these remarks in the clearest English, in which the only foreign trait is the strange, guttural "r" which is distinctive of the Spanish language. The salon on the Entresol was decorated in the Louis Seize style, but traces of the diverse tastes of the Infanta were not wanting. A medal of Humboldt lay near fragments of lapis-lazuli from Sydney, Australia, and books of Plato and more modern philosophers lay on a table cover of old Spanish embroidery, near an exquisite miniature in a Spanish carved frame of the sixteenth century. "Freedom, independence, fresh air, and cold water, English breakfasts, and five o'clock tea—I live like an Englishwoman," the Infanta went on. "Why it is, I cannot tell, but I feel more English than Spanish. I have the English energy and love of freedom. I am now free, and I mean to live in peace in order to work. I have no craving for society of any kind, and a small circle of intimate friends and the love of my son and his wife are enough for me. I am even glad to find that the circle of friends here has diminished in consequence of my action, for such friends as are affected by it were not of the kind I seek. They came to see me, because of my position and not on account of my personality. I feel I must be myself, if I may express it so."

WAITING FOR "PUNISHMENT."

King Alfonso, on Monday, telegraphed to the Spanish Ambassador in Paris, ordering him to call upon the Infanta Eulalia, and state that he "was not disposed to tolerate her attitude, and that the answer made by her to his telegram did not correspond with what he had said to her." This is somewhat vague, and it is evident that there is some confusion in the transmission or translation of the telegrams, since the newspapers publish official versions of the first two exchanged, differing considerably from that given by her Royal Highness to the Press.

Her Highness deplored the fuss that was being made over the whole affair, and said that she wished the incident to be considered and treated as closed. She had telegraphed to Senor Canalejas, the Spanish Premier, requesting to be informed what punishment his Majesty intended to mete out to her, and she was only waiting for the reply, which might be expected at any moment, in order to leave Paris. I shall probably be away for the whole winter and I shall stay incognito at some resort for winter sports" said the Princess. "What the King will do I do not know, but I am ready to take the punishment for writing a quite harmless and moral book which contains no offence against any of the Royal Family or against any canon of good taste. I have already said why I wrote it, and hastened the publication, and though I regret the annoyance caused to his Majesty and the consequences to myself, I cannot honestly say that I feel I have been guilty of any very grievous crime. At any rate, I hope to leave Paris, and to hear no more about this affair, which has already caused a great deal more trouble than it was worth."

The truth probably is that the publication of the book is only the last of several offences laid to the Princess's account, to which is added the publication by the "Matin" of a letter addressed by her years ago to her lawyer, in which she expressed her deep gratitude to Luis Bonafoux and "her friends the Socialists," and makes the remarks : "Sad is the spectacle of a country without a Government and without a head of the family."

From information received from Madrid, and from remarks made by the Infanta herself, it is clear that the most interesting side of the case as concerns Madrid has to do with the situation of the Infanta's son Antome, and his wife, Princess Beatrice of Saxe-Coburg, daughter of the late Duke of Edinburgh. Don Antoine, who is his mother's favourite, was dispossessed of his title of Infante, on his marriage, made without the approbation of the King, with a Protestant princess. At the opening of the Spanish campaign at Melilla, Don Antoine asked to be allowed to serve with the Army. He was given a commission as lieutenant in the infantry, and was then hospitably received by King Alfonso who, it is said, showed himself inclined to reinstate him after he had achieved some distinction at the front. Unfortunately the young officer was twice seriously ill, once with enteric fever and on the other occasion with gastric trouble. In this way he missed all chance of being mentioned in despatches. He requested leave to return to Spain, but was advised to remain in order that he might find another opportunity of distinguishing himself.

APOLOGY TO KING ALFONSO.

The following letter was on Thursday, received by King Alfonso from the Infanta Eulalia :—

"Dear Alfonso—I do not write to defend myself, but to plead for pardon. I am suffering too much to remain silent, or to write you a long letter. My heart suffers through my affection for you, and my heart, as a Spaniard, is suffering through the love which I bear towards my country. It is useless to tell you that, whatever punishment you may impose upon me, I shall consider merited. And if I have made public, my submission to you, it is because I wish that all Spain may know my sentiments towards my King and my respect for my country. I don't dare to send you an embrace, for were you to repel me I should suffer much pain. But I await the arrival of the day on which I can ask your pardon verbally, and tell you that I am always your loving aunt, EULALIA.

UNPAID FRENCH PROFESSORS.

During the discussion on the French Budget, a curious fact was exposed in connection with the expenditure of the Department of Fine Arts. One of the officials last year stole £680, which was ready to pay the salaries of several distinguished professors, and quickly lost it at the baccarat tables of Enghien. He confessed his guilt, and was at once prosecuted, which was but natural. What is surprising, however, is that the Ministry declined to pay the professors their salaries, not because they were suspected of having been sleeping partners in the gambling venture, but because they had not applied for their money at the end of the month, and as it had since then passed out of the possession of the State into other hands, the State could not be called upon to pay it?" This shocking evasion of responsibility was humorously compared by M. Benoist to an Eastern custom. "When you go on shore at Tangier," he said, "an Arab seizes your bag. You lay your cane across his shoulders, and he turns round upon a Biskra native, who belabours a Tunisian, who falls upon a negro, who goes for a peasant, who beats his donkey." The Chamber was quite of his opinion that the savants were not responsible for the peculations of the cashier, and by a show of hands, a vote was passed that they should at once receive their salaries, for which they had been waiting for six months and which they had very little chance of ever pocketing had the matter not come before Parliament.

SITUATION IN PERSIA.

COMPLIANCE WITH RUSSIA'S DEMANDS.

The Fight at Tabriz.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ST.-PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.

The Persian *Charge d'Affaires*, to-day, called at the Foreign Office and notified M. Sazonoff of Persia's acceptance of all the demands contained in the Russian ultimatum.

TEHERAN, Dec. 23.

It is learned from Russian official sources that while the Russian Government is desirous of withdrawing the troops as soon as possible, no pledge for immediate evacuation will be given on compliance with the ultimatum. No action has yet been taken regarding Mr. Shuster's position.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Telegrams from St. Petersburg, show that the fighting at Tabriz, on the 21st inst., was very severe, the Fidais attacking from the roofs and in the streets.

The Russians repulsed a formidable attack at Bagitchemal, with artillery. The Russian Colony took refuge in the Consulate until reinforcements arrived. Then the artillery began the bombardment of the citadel, where the Fidais had mostly gathered.

Russian corpses were horribly mutilated by the Fidais.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Reuter learns that after the fighting at Tabriz, the Russians occupied all the Government offices and the telegraph station. The bombardment demolished many private buildings and fifty Persians were killed.

The Russians have occupied the police and telegraph offices at Resht, where a number of Government officials have been killed.

THE TURCO-ITALIAN WAR.

Seizure in the Red Sea.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The Italian warship "Puglia" has seized in the Red Sea the steamer "Menzaleh" bound for Hodeidah, with £30,000 sterling on board.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The steamer "Menzaleh," which was seized by an Italian cruiser in the Red Sea, was allowed to proceed after the cruiser had taken off £30,000 and also Ottoman parcels.

ROME, Dec. 24.

The Turks twice attacked the redoubts at Benghazi, on the night of the 21st instant, but were driven off. An action lasting six hours took place at Tobruk, on the 22nd instant, the warships taking part. The Italians lost seven killed and sixteen wounded. The enemy lost heavily.

THE RISING IN CHINA.

Future of the Manchu Dynasty.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The Peking correspondent of the *Times*, who is now at Shanghai, telegraphs that every revolutionary of every class declares uncompromisingly that the Manchus must go.

Yuan-shi-Kai still adheres to the monarchical idea, but it is confidently expected in Shanghai, that he will yield to the inevitable and become President of a Federal Republic.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Reuter learns that there is no truth in the report that Britain and Japan will insist on Monarchical Government in China. The efforts of Britain and the other Powers are directed to assisting China to secure efficient Government based on popular approval.

PEKING, Dec. 24.

The Government fears that the Conference at Shanghai will fail to reach a settlement. The rebels are preparing to march northward, via Pukow.

FRANCE AND SPAIN.

The Morocco Negotiations.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The Franco-Spanish negotiations on the subject of Morocco are making little progress. The French proposals so far have been met by Spanish counter-proposals, which are seemingly unacceptable to France.

GALES IN EUROPE.

Fishing Fleets Decimated.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

A gale has caused havoc with the fisheries, especially British and French. Nearly a hundred fishermen have been drowned, and many vessels have been lost.

After many weeks of storms and almost continuous rain, the wind dropped to-day, and sunshine gives promise of a fine Christmas.

THE "DELHI."

LONDON, Dec. 23.

All the specie from the "Delhi" has been landed.

BRITISH LABOUR UNREST.

Lancashire Cotton Trade.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The Manchester weaving trade employers met this afternoon and decided to recommend a lock-out for Wednesday next. The number of workers affected is 160,000.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Members of the Cotton-waste Spinners and Manufacturers' Associations, employing seven thousand workers, at a meeting held in Manchester yesterday decided to fall into line with the North and North-east Association on the question of the lock-out.

The other non-federated firms have intimated their intention to take the same course.

Dundee Strike Settled.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The position at Dundee is most serious. The shipping companies conferred to-day and eventually refused to compromise, declaring that as the matter had now assumed a national character, there was no ground for negotiation.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Sir George Askwith, of the Board of Trade, is proceeding to Dundee to mediate in the dispute.

The men have successfully arranged for blocking cargoes at Leith, destined for Dundee.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

The Dundee strike was settled at three o'clock this morning, through the mediation of Sir George Askwith. Carters and dockers will receive advances in wages.

COAL MINE DISASTER.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

A water-burst occurred to-day, in the pit-shaft of a mine near Wigan. Seventy-five men were rescued, but twelve still remain below. The mine is flooded.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Eleven men were rescued from the Wigan pit late yesterday evening. The twelfth was found drowned.

BRITISH NAVAL PROGRAMME.

Two New Battleships Ordered.

LONDON. Dec. 23.

Contracts for two new battleships have been placed with the Beardmores and Dalmuir and Vickers. This will greatly disappoint the East End of London, which hoped that the Thames Ironworks Company would build one.

ACCIDENT TO BATTLESHIP.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

During the recent gale, H. M. battleship "London," which was carrying out speed trials off Cape Ushant, was swept by a sea. Two men were drowned and Commander Forbes injured.

Afterwards, two men were seriously injured owing to the bursting of a steampipe.

MR. McKENNA AND LORD C. BERESFORD.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Mr. McKenna says, with reference to the letter reported yesterday, that it was a private letter, misquoted, and that he will telegraph his regrets to Lord Charles Beresford.

AUSTRALIAN TRUSTS.

Successful Prosecution of Coal Combine.

SYDNEY, Dec. 23.

As the result of a Federal suit, the members of the Coal Vend have been fined £500 each and costs, and have been enjoined from continuing the monopoly. The cases occupied seventy-three days.

The 39 defendants comprised the principal Newcastle and Maitland Collieries and Interstate Shipping Companies.

The penalties and costs amount to over £50,000.

BRITISH CEMENT COMBINE.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

A British cement combine has been formed, with a capital of £3,500,000 It will have an agreement with the Associated Cement Company, and the capital of both will be twelve millions. They will control five-sixths of the British output.

JAPANESE DIPLOMAT HONOURED.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.

The Japanese Ambassador, Baron Chinda, has received the Grand Cross of the Order of the Red Eagle on the occasion of his transfer to Washington.

GERMAN COLONIAL OFFICE.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.

Dr. Solf has been officially appointed Secretary for the Colonies.

THE OPIUM CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The Hague Conference has passed the first reading of the Opium Convention and adjourned till January 8th.

THE PAPACY AND CIVIL LAW.

Another Decree.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The papers comment upon the re-issue of the Papal decree excommunicating private individuals who, without obtaining the permission of the ecclesiastical authorities, summon any ecclesiastic before a criminal or civil tribunal, as defendant or witness. It is stated that the Irish law officers are considering the decree which is regarded as denying Roman Catholics justice.

GOVAN BY-ELECTION.

Liberal Majority Reduced.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The result of the Govan by-election, is as follows :—

Holmes (L.)	7,508
Balfour (U.)	6,522
L. majority	986

[The vacancy was caused by the appointment of Mr. William Hunter, K.C., M.P., Solicitor-General, for Scotland, to be one of the Senators of the College of Justice in Edinburgh, in place of Lord Ardwall, deceased.

Mr. Hunter had occupied the seat as Liberal member since January, 1910. At the last General Election the poll was :—

W. Hunter (L)	8,409
G. Balfour (U.)	6,369
L. majority	2,040]

A POLITICAL CHANGE.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Mr. Gibson Bowles has returned to the Conservative fold. He says that in the present crisis Conservative differences sink into insignificance, and he advises all his friends to support the Conservatives.

ROBBING THE DEAD.

Paris Ghouls at Work.

PARIS, Dec. 22.

Robbers have opened the grave of Madame Lantelme, a favourite actress, and stolen jewels, valued at £20,000, from the body.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The Lantelme outrage is the sensation of Paris. The robbers scattered images from the altar about the vault, and removed three shells, stripping the body of its wrappings. Some cotton wool fell on a match, and the smoke compelled the firemen to retreat. The fire was afterwards extinguished, when the jewels were found intact beneath a pillow at the head of the corpse.

MILITARY REVOLT IN PORTUGAL.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

A regiment at Braga, Portugal, mutinied, and shot and wounded its colonel. Thirty-nine men have been arrested.

THE ABOR CAMPAIGN.

Face to Face with the Enemy.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, Dec. 23.

The General Officer, Commanding the Abor Expedition, telegraphed from Yambung on December 22nd, that the party which crossed the Dihong, on December 21st, reports the finding of some of Mr. Williamson's property in Sissim.

Two companies have been dispatched on a reconnaissance of the country between Kebang and Mishing. The weather is overcast.

YAMBUNG CAMP, Dec. 23.

The operations by the flying columns and road making are going on daily. Major Wilson's column which was sent to punish Sissim signalled yesterday for more rations which were at once sent to them. They had not encountered the enemy and the column under Major Sweet, 2nd Gurkhas, which was co-operating with them on the other bank of the river, has returned to Rotung yesterday.

I visited Kebang where a signalling station has now been established. A second visit reveals many points of interest. The stockade, which Mr. Williamson mentions and which has now been dismantled, was quite a formidable one, some fifty yards long, fourteen feet high, and four feet thick, with a moat about twelve feet deep outside, the whole forming a strong defence on the north against hostile villages. Near the stockade is the Kebang burial ground. Over the grave of each defunct warrior is a grass shelter, where are hung his cane helmet, dao and arrows, the horns of the "mithan" (a species of bison) which furnished the funeral feast with a basket containing food to propitiate the deity. I had observed the same custom amongst African savages.

The Abors of the villages near the Ponging right bank and Bangi are expressing their desire for peace in a curious way, even though their headmen are in the camp. A number of them approached unarmed, openly leaving their bows and arrows on the ground, then amidst much waving of hands a "mithen" is tied up near the picquet, sometimes a live pig, or one dried and ready for the table, is brought and dumped down.

The Kebang clan are still evading our attempts to encounter them and may prove irreconcilable, but the continuance of the force here and the overtures on the part of other villages formerly terrorised by them must weaken their prestige.

We now have an opportunity of seeing the hostile Abors face to face. They are not certainly prepossessing people to look at, squat and sturdy of a low-Mongoloid cast of visage. They are often goitrous and always dirty, small-pox has frequently raged in their midst and their villages are liable to periodical outbreak of cholera. The Padam Abors whose metropolis is Damroh and whose chief recently visited General Bower at Renging are said to be a bigger and finer man.

A great disappointment has been experienced by the European members of this force, five bags of the Christmas mail which were coming to Kobo from Saikwaghat in "dugouts" are now reposing at the bottom of the Brahmaputra. The troops in this camp are making themselves as comfortable as they can. The rain is still falling. Col. Mac'Intyre, Inspector of Communications, left to-day for Rotung.

THE ROYAL VISIT.

Her Majesty's Tour.

COURT CIRCULAR.

[BY WIRE.]

DECEMBER, 23.

The Queen-Empress, attended by her suite, left Jaipur for Ajmere by train at 10 a.m. The Maharaja and the Resident were present at the station to take leave of Her Imperial Majesty. On her arrival at Ajmer at 3-30 p.m., Her Imperial Majesty was received by Sir Elliott Colvin, Agent of the Governor-General in Rajputana. Guards of Honour were furnished at the station by the 44th Merwara Infantry and the Bombay Baroda and Central India Railway Rifle Volunteers.

Her Imperial Majesty proceeded direct from the station to Mayo College, the escort being supplied by the 27th Light Cavalry and upon arrival was received by Mr. Waddington, Principal of the College, who had the honour of conducting her through the building. Her Imperial Majesty was graciously pleased to command that every one of the students should be presented individually to her. Her Imperial Majesty after drinking tea at the College witnessed a competition of the students in tent-pegging and other sports, and then proceeded to the Residency, where a guard-of-honour was mounted by the Royal Irish Regiment.

In the evening Her Majesty gave a dinner party to which the following ladies and gentlemen had the honor to be invited,—Sir Elliot and Lady Colvin, and Miss Colvin, Col. Stratton, Lt.-Col. Poingdestre, Lt.-Col. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Waddington and Mrs. Sanders.

AJMERE, Dec. 22.

The Queen-Empress attended by her suite, visited the village of Pushkar by motor this morning, returning to the Residency in time for luncheon. In the afternoon, Her Imperial Majesty drove out to visit the Dargah and Adhai-din-ka Jhoupra attended by the Duchess of Devonshire, the Earl and Countess of Shaftesbury, the Hon. Venetia Baring, Sir Elliot and Lady Colvin, Lieut.-Col. Bannerman, Lt.-Col. Bird, and the Hon. John Fortescue. Major Money and Captain Hill were in attendance on horseback. The Cadet Corps of the Mayo College furnished an escort under command of Thakur Bahadur Singh of Khera.

AJMERE, Dec. 23.

The Queen-Empress spent yesterday sightseeing in Ajmere, driving by motor through the city, and visiting the sacred lake and principal places of interest in the neighbourhood. On Thursday night, Her Imperial Majesty gave a dinner party at the Residency, at which the following ladies and gentlemen had the honor of being invited, Sir Elliott Colvin, Lady Colvin and Miss Colvin, Col. Stratton (Commissioner, Ajmere-Merwara), Col. Poingdestre (Commanding 44th Merwara Infantry,) Mr. and Mrs. Waddington, Mr. Sanders (Superintending Engineer), Mrs. Sanders, and Mr. Deane (Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway.) After dinner, there was a reception attended by the Royal suite and the Agent's Staff. Before dinner Her Majesty viewed from the Residency vernadah the beautiful illuminations on the Ana Sagar.

AT PUSHKAR.

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 23.

An Ajmere wire dated the 22nd inst. to the *Pioneer* says:—"Yesterday morning, the Queen-Empress, attended by Sir Elliott Colvin, the Governor General's Agent, motored to the ancient town and lake of Pushkar. In the afternoon, a visit was paid to the city. The Royal carriage was escorted by the students of the College Cadet Corps. The members of the Ajmere Municipal Committee assembled by the entrance of the Mayo-Delhi Gate and welcomed Her Imperial Majesty as she passed. The Commissioner, Colonel W.C.R. Stratton received the Royal visitor, and explained the history of the ancient and renowned shrine. From the Dargah a move was made to Arhai-dinka Johnpra, which is described as an old Jain or Hindu temple converted into a Mohamedan mosque. On the return journey, a visit was paid to an Asagar bund where tea was served.

Her Imperial Majesty spent some time on the bund with its marble floors and baradaris.

A start will be made for Bundi to-morrow via Deoli. The journey, which is about 90 miles, will be made by motor.

DEPARTURE FROM AJMER.

AJMERE, Dec. 24.

The Royal visit to Ajmer concluded this morning when Her Majesty left by motor for Deoli en route for Bundi which will be reached to-night. Her Majesty will stay one day at Bundi, thence going on to Kotah. Before leaving this morning Her Majesty inspected the sites selected for the King Edward Memorial and the Curzon Wyllie Memorial, after which Her Majesty said good-bye to Sir Elliot Colvin and a procession of motors quitted Ajmer at 10-30 a. m. A halt was made for a few minutes at the entrance gate of the Mayo College grounds just outside the city where the boys and the staff were grouped at the side of the road. A bouquet was presented and Her Majesty's motor resumed its journey to the accompaniment of enthusiastic sheers from the boys.

The Queen-Empress' visit to this old Imperial City has been an unqualified success. Her Majesty took the greatest interest in everything and before taking her departure expressed to Sir Elliot Colvin her gracious approval of all the arrangements and the pleasure which the visit has given her. Not only Ajmer, but the whole of Rajputana deeply appreciate the similar honour conferred on it.

King's Visit to Nepal.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23.

The *Englishman* publishes some stories of the King-Emperor's journey on the East Indian Railway from Delhi to Nepal. The Royal train stopped for some time at Tundla Junction; while the mechanics were moving the Royal coat-of-arms from one engine to another, the King sauntered along the platform and had a chat with the mechanic, who thinking His Majesty was nobody more than an ordinary "Sahib," explained what he was doing in a very casual way. Then His Majesty sauntered into the refreshment room. A merry twinkle came into his eye when he saw on the walls, the well-known picture of his meeting Lord Kitchener on the hero's return from South Africa. K of K is shown in the picture in uniform and taking off his hat to His Majesty who was then Prince of Wales

"That's wrong," said His Majesty laughingly, as he contemplated the picture, "I always told Kichener he ought not to have taken his hat off."

Calcutta Preparations.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23.

The State Entry of Their Imperial Majesties into Calcutta, was rehearsed here yesterday. Their Imperial Majesties will drive in open carriages, and it has been decided that, in order to give the crowds a full opportunity of seeing Their Majesties the Procession will proceed at a walk. The Officer Commanding the Governor-General's Bodyguard will ride on the right, and the Officer Commanding the Calcutta Light Horse will ride on the left of the Royal carriage, which will also be escorted by the Commissioner of Police and other Police Officers.

A strong posse of about 300 Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors and constables, in charge of six Superintendents of Police, have been drafted into Calcutta, from the various districts of Bengal and Assam, for special duty during Their Majesties' visit to the city.

INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

Arrival of President.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24.

Pandit Bishan Narayan Dar, Barrister-at-Law, Lucknow, President-elect of the 26th Indian National Congress, arrived here at 12 noon to-day and received a hearty and cordial welcome. The train was four hours late and the crowd that gathered at the platform to greet him had greatly thinned by midday. There were present the Hon. Mr. Bhupendra Nath Basu, Chairman, and members of the various sections of the Reception Committee and about two hundred volunteers. The President who is accompanied by the Hon. Pandit Malavya, the Hon. Mr. Ranga Prasad Varma and Dr. Tej Bahadur Sapra and others are staying at 15, Police Hospital Road.

This year's session of the Indian National Congress will commence from Tuesday the 26th instant and will end on the 28th. The Industrial and Social Conferences will sit on the following two days at the Congress pandal which is now complete in all details. It has been erected at a cost of Rs. 10,000 on a plot of land measuring 3,000 square feet and is spacious enough to accommodate about eight thousand people. Different galleries have been erected for delegates, distinguished visitors, complimentary pass holders, purda-nashin ladies and the general public buying tickets from Rs. 10 to Rs 3 per day. The speakers' platform on the dais has been so located that every one of the audience from any part of the pandal can have a full view of the speaker. Various pillars inside have been decorated with the Congress colours, sky blue, pink and yellow and decorations of plants and foliage have added to the general effect of the building. There are exclusive entrances for different galleries and the services of about 250 Bengalee volunteers have been requisitioned by the Executive Committee to attend to delegates coming to Calcutta from the mofussil and to maintain order at the pandal during the sessions of the Congress and Conferences.

THE DEHRA DUN CASE.

Trial at Lucknow.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, Dec. 23.

The trial of Miss Mountstephen, who is charged with the wiful murder of Miss Garnett, is proceeding. Mr. Oakden, the Magistrate of Mussoorie, who led the inquiry, gave evidence as to the facts which led to the arrest of the prisoner. Among the exhibits produced were letters from the deceased to her brother and sister giving her reasons for leaving her property to the accused and not to any member of the family. The accused remarked to the witness, while the latter was in the box, that she knew nothing of the sale of prussic acid to the deceased. The witness (continuing) said that a police officer had demonstrated to him the possibility of entering into the room from the verandah outside.

Major Birdwood, Civil Surgeon, said in his opinion the poison was not self-administered.

INDIAN RAILWAYS.

New Surveys.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23.

Sanction has been accorded to a survey being carried out by the agency of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company for a feeder line of railway on the 2 feet 6 inches gauge or on the 5 feet 6 inches gauge from Khamgaon station on the Khamgaon branch, Great Indian Peninsula Railway, to Chickly, a distance of about 36 miles. The survey will be known as the Khamgaon-Chickly Railway Survey.

Sanction has been accorded to a survey being carried out by the agency of the North-Western Railway administration for a line of railway on the 5ft. 6in. gauge from Phillour station on the North-Western Railway to Garhshanker via Nawashahr, a distance of about 28 miles. The survey will be known as the Phillour-Garhshanker Railway Survey.

Sanction has been accorded to the provision of 50 additional covered goods wagons and 5 brake vans required during 1912-1913, for the metre gauge section of the South Indian Railway.

Sanction has been accorded to the provision during 1912-1913, of ten additional metre gauge standard B class locomotive engines with tenders, required for the South Indian Railway.

A RAILWAY CASE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

COONOOR, Dec. 23.

This afternoon, the stationary sub-magistrate released Mr. R. E. Montgomery, a guard of the South Indian Railway, stationed at Jolarpet, who is charged with theft by a servant, on furnishing two sureties of Rs. 500 each. The trial will take place before Mr. C. G. Mackary, first class Magistrate on the 3rd of January, 1912.

CHARGE AGAINST POLICE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

NARAINGANJ, Dec. 23.

Yesterday, a damage suit was brought against the Sub-Inspector of Police of Raipur Thana, before the Third Munsiff of Naranganj, for extorting money from plaintiff.

HINDU UNIVERSITY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BENARES, Dec. 23.

His Highness the Maharajah of Alwar, has promised two lakhs, the Hon. Mr. Sultan Singh, Rs. 500; and Pandit Dargakishan Kaul, Rs. 25,000 to the proposed Hindu University funds.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL

The following messages, which appeared in the Australian papers to hand yesterday morning, are later than those which came by the English mail :—

Child left to Die.

London, Dec. 10.

In the Old Bailey yesterday Walter Perry, a coachman, was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment on a charge of manslaughter. He abducted a five-year old child at Staines (19 miles from London) and then abandoned it in a cornfield, where the little one died from exposure. Perry had previously served five years in gaol for a similar offence.

Scene at an Execution.

Paris, Dec. 10.

At Lemans yesterday a man, named Hamel, who had been convicted of the murder of his father, was executed after a scene on the scaffold. He struggled desperately with the executioner, while a mob of spectators roared with fury. The executioner's assistant was in the act of strapping the condemned man when the guillotine fell. He narrowly escaped losing one of his hands.

An American Crime.

New York, Dec. 9.

At Portland (in Maine) yesterday Frank Sandford, leader of the Holy Ghost and Us Society, was convicted of having caused the death of six persons on board the yacht Coronet. He refused to accept legal defence, as he declared that God was the only defence he needed.

Ocean Accidents.

London, Dec. 9.

The Belgian steamer Van Dyck was wrecked off Land's End yesterday, and 14 persons on board were drowned.

Tripolitan War.

Tripoli City, Dec 10.

Fourteen Arabs, who took part in the oasis troubles on October 23 and October 26, were yesterday court-martialled and hanged. They included several of the 350 criminals released by the Turks before the Italians landed here.

An Irish Outrage.

London, Dec. 9.

At Broadford, in Clare, on Thursday night, Mrs. O'Mara on answering a knock at the door of her house, was shot dead and her niece was seriously wounded. Mrs. O'Mara was the wife of a farmer who was formerly under police protection. The police have discovered no clue to the authorship of the outrage.

Immigration Problem.

Pretoria, Dec. 9.

Addressing a meeting here yesterday the Union Minister for the Interior (Mr. J. C. Smuts) strongly advocated white immigration as statistics; he said pointed to the alarming fact that the coloured people were increasing in greater proportion than the whites. Machinery ought to be established to get the labourers here to work for a reasonable living wage, but if that were found to be impossible white workers should be drawn from countries where they were plentiful.

The Afrikander Bond has dissolved with a view of its members joining the new South African Party.

Rand Drought Ended.

Johannesburg, Dec. 9.

The drought that has prevailed on the Rand for a considerable time was ended yesterday by a disastrous hailstorm.

Record Gold Output.

Capetown, Dec. 10.

The Transvaal's output of gold for November constituted a record for one month, the figures being 719,739oz., valued at £3,057,213.

INDIAN HONOURS' LISTS.

A Wail from Madras.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, Dec 23.

The "Madras Mail," commenting again on the honours distributed in connection with the Durbar, points out that of the higher honours Bengal had 32, the Punjab 23, Bombay 21, United Provinces 14, and Madras only 9; that Bengal had four new Knight Commanders of the Star of India, and Madras none, and it was so throughout the list. It declines to believe that the contrast between the ferility of other provinces and the aridity of Madras, in producing men of ability suggested by the Honours' list, really exists. Dwelling on the absence of recognition for Madras officials, the "Madras Mail" observes that of all the rules for winning honours, the first is for an official to get out of Madras.

THE NEW RUPEE.

The new rupee which has just been struck in the Indian Mints presents several points of peculiar interest to His Majesty's subjects in India. In the first place it will be seen that on the obverse the King is depicted wearing a Crown. This fact will be observed with satisfaction by those who considered the rupee of Edward VII lacking in dignity owing to the absence in this emblem of Royalty. Consideration for Indian sentiment is exhibited in the fact that His Majesty King George V is shown wearing the collars of the two Indian Orders, the Star of India and the Indian Empire. The details of the orders can be clearly made out; a very striking feature being the Elephant of the former order. In the embellishments on the reverse, the lotus appears conspicuously above and below, with the rose, shamrock and thistle on either side. The obverse was designed in England by Mr. Bertram MacKennal and the reverse by Mr. Percy Brown of Calcutta.

ALLEGED GERMAN SPY.

At Portsmouth, on Dec. 5, Heinrich Grosal, stated to be a captain in the German merchant service was brought before the magistrates charged, under the Official Secrets Act, with having obtained information useful to an enemy, at Southsea since Nov. 15. Evidence was given by William Salter, a naval pensioner, to the effect that Grosal had made inquiries of him as to the amount of coal in the Port of Portsmouth and the number of men stationed in the Royal Naval Barracks there. The defendant and his rooms were searched and a letter in code, said to be of extreme importance, as well as other documents, were found.

NEW BOOKS.

THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE, by Edward A. Foord (A. and C. Black.)—Edward Foord's history of the later Roman Empire is written in a simple straightforward style which will appeal to many readers who are anxious to acquire knowledge, without being harassed by the endless controversies, political and religious, with which many historians cumber their pages. He describes this mighty Empire as the rear-guard of Christian civilization, and maintains that the somewhat sinister repute in which it has always been held, is undeserved. He asserts that it was no worse than its neighbours, that the wholesale cruelties and barbarous tortures inflicted by its rulers upon all whom they supposed to be their enemies, were in accordance with the spirit of the times. Leniency would have been mistaken for weakness, and the removal of an enemy by poison or by the sword was one of the recognized moves in the game of politics. One or two of the incidents which Mr. Foord records, however, would take some justification, and must have excited horror and disgust even in those dark ages. The dreadful deed of Philippicus who ordered his soldiers to tear the child Tiberius from the altar to which he was clinging for sanctuary, and to cut the throat of the little terrified creature on the altar steps, marks a red page in Byzantine history; the atrocity perpetrated by Basil, who having captured fifteen thousand prisoners of war, caused them all to be blinded leaving one man in every hundred an eye, is surely almost unparalleled in history. One of the notable features of Byzantine history is the prominent position held by women in the government of the country. Theodora, the wife of Justinian, was the first of a long line of clever women who swayed the rulers of Byzantine for their own ends. Theodora was a dancer of low repute, a member of a profession regarded as disgraceful; she was poor and of humble birth. She had, however, one great asset, her wonderful beauty, and Justinian, student and theologian though he was, nevertheless fell a victim to her charms. For twenty years Theodora moved the destinies of the Empire, she erected her influence in the cause of justice and of wisdom; she used her great power temperately and mercifully, and on one occasion when Constantinople was in ruins, and the rebels at the gates, she rallied the disheartened soldier and turned defeat into victory, and proved herself to be indeed a queen of men. The slow decay of the Empire set in early, its strength was sapped by luxury, it became gradually weak and degenerate. Patriotism amongst a population consisting of so many various races was almost non-existent, and religious feeling was perhaps the only bond which held the scattered peoples together. Rich, powerful, and luxurious, the mighty Empire gradually dwindled and wasted, until in 1204, its death-blow was struck by the sack of Constantinople. The moribund state, game to the last, died hard, and for a couple of centuries the wasted and depopulated lands, and the ruined cities were the scene of many a bloody conflict. The death-agony culminated in 1453, when Constantine, the last of the Roman Emperors, fell before the Turkish scimitars. Mr. Foord describes the services rendered by the Empire to western civilization as being of incalculable value. It stood as a buffer between Europe and the westward advance of the barbarian hordes, and fought the battles of Europe to the bitter end. Mr. Foord's book helps us to realize its great achievement, it is a vivid presentment of the rise and fall of one of the greatest Empires the world has ever known, set forth with a fullness and clearness that make it deeply interesting.

HISTORICAL SOCIOLOGY by Frank Granger (Methuen & Co.)—The study of sociology occupied the minds of thinking men long before Auguste Comte invented a specific name for it, which etymological hybrid labels it as the science of human fellowship. The subject is so vast as to hardly admit of condensation within the confines of a single small volume, but Professor Granger has recently published an excellent summary of the historical aspect of sociology, which, though more or less of the nature of a text-book, should prove as interesting to the general reader as to the student. Since "the proper study of mankind is man" Professor Granger's lucid and methodical exposition will probably attract many new disciples to the consideration of this fascinating subject. He warns all would be students against the danger of hasty deductions, but at the same time he claims that the thoughtful sociologist is also a potential prophet, able to draw new and fruitful conclusions from the lessons taught by the past. Taking the family as the Unit, he depicts the gradual growth of the social structure from this apparently insignificant beginning. He shows that all customs tried to centre round the great events of human existence; birth, marriage, death, sowing, reaping, and the like. These customs express man's deepest experiences, as religious customs attempt to express by means of dogma and symbols that impulse towards the supernatural which is implanted in every human breast. An interesting chapter deals with politics, that blood-brother of sociology, and the problems of genius, destiny, social morality, and degeneration are fully dealt with. Professor Granger's explanations of the subjects which lie within the range of vision of all, should help us to a clearer understanding of those greater matters, for the elucidation of which, we have hitherto been obliged to depend upon the expert opinion of more or less reliable guides.

FIRST AND LAST, BY H. BELLOC (Methuen & Co.)—There is no more popular writer of essays to-day than Mr. Belloc. In a style wholly his own he manages to transmute the commonest objects and to lend them an evanescent glitter. His latest volume "First and Last" is a bright and entertaining collection of essays and discourses inconsequently about 'Cheeses', 'The Inheritance of Humour', 'St. Patrick,' 'The Decline of the Book', and many other varied subjects. One of the author's happiest inventions is that of the King of Monomotapa, who attempts to levy a tax upon literary matter. The difficulty of appraising correctly the value of this commodity leads to endless complications, and finally results in the wholesale destruction of all who follow the profession of letters. A good deal of good-humoured satire underlies this nonsensical narrative; it is no news to most of us that the price paid for literary matter does not invariably indicate its true value. Mr. Belloc's appreciation of "King Lear" will delight all lovers of Shakespeare, and his essay on "The Public" brings home the fact that we are all prone to refer to it as something gravely to blame, and irredeemably stupid," to use it in fact as a sort of "Inexorable Mr. Jorkins" who will not allow us to display the nice literary taste of which we imagine ourselves to be the possessors. Mr. Belloc's book is sure of a welcome, the most exacting reader cannot fail to find food for thought, and for amusement amongst the wide range of topics he discusses.

CHANGES IN CHINA.

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward Seymour contributes to the current "Cornhill," an interesting article on "Chinese Changes," in the course of which he writes:—

"China, as everyone knows, has never been a military nation by instinct, by training, or by actual great necessity. She has, it is true, had foreign enemies, her invasions, and her changes of rulers, but, partly on account of her enormous size these events seem never to have interested or convulsed her throughout. Immense space, difficult communication, want of circulating literature, and perhaps the different modes of life due to variety of climate, tended to keep her people separate in their interests and feelings; though the name of their Government and their national flag were the same.

"Perhaps alone in China, the profession of arms has not been honoured; in Europe the vicinity of nations with different interests has made armed defence a necessity, but for China no such general need existed, and the consequence is that she becomes only reluctantly an armed Power. But the change has now begun in earnest, and I see no reason why Chinese may not become formidable soldiers. They have plenty of stamina, few necessities, and can live on very little. Death is to them no terror compared with what it is to Western people, and their endurance of pain is surprising.

"I may be allowed to quote our experience of the Chinese regiment raised at Wei-hai-wei, and commanded and drilled by British officers, as I watched their formation, their conduct on active service at Tien-tsin, and their military training as a regiment twelve hundred strong. All, I believe, who knew them will agree in praising their efficiency and good promise till dismembered by the strange inconsistencies of British rule. But a Parliamentary Government is of its nature obliged to vary, and its ways are inscrutable, and it often remind one of the well-known saying 'Quantilla sapientia regitur mundus.' . . .

"The present revolution in China is the most

startling change of a government since the great French cataclysm. Its apparent complete success is the best-proof of how much it was required, and of how worthless, retrograde, and out of date the rule of the Manchus had become. No one can pity them nor could anything have brought reform, while they still held actual power. Their departure from China would seem the best thing, except for the question of their replacement. Although a representative of the old Ming dynasty exists, placing him on the throne is almost out of the question. The idea of the leaders of the rebellion seems to have been to have a republic. Drastic changes are sometimes best, but in this case the more moderate one to a constitutional monarchy will be the wisest experiment.

"The Chinese seem intending to copy our Constitution; the change to them will indeed be marvellous, but it is often safer to make sweeping reforms than small ones. The world will watch the Chinese transformation with interest; is it possible that China will try to rival the hitherto unprecedented metamorphosis of her neighbour. Japan? She may even break up into two or more nations, which I hope will not be the case, as it could hardly occur without immense dislocation of trade, and very dangerous foreign rivalries to obtain territory in these days of general national land-hunger."

CRICKET IN 1912.

The annual meeting of county secretaries was held at Lord's on December 5, Mr. F. E. Lacey, secretary of the M.C.C., presided.

Mr. Lacey said that a very attractive programme had been arranged for Lord's. They had first-class matches practically from May 1 to the end of July, without interruption, except for the Eton and Harrow match, which had its own special attraction. The Test Trial Match at Lord's had been fixed for May 23, and following days, and the Teste Trial Match at the Oval would, he understood, be begun on May 6. These matches were ordered by the Board of Control, and they would be dealt with, so far as the profits were concerned, in the same way as the Test Matches themselves. He wished to remind the meeting that as the best possible sides would be required for the M.C.C. matches against the Australians and South Africans, the professionals that the counties supplied to the M.C.C. in the summer would have to be considered available. So far as was consistent with getting together the best sides the M.C.C. would, of course, consult the counties' conveniences as usual.

The season of 1912 would be unprecedented in the history of cricket. Never before had two Overseas Dominions sent teams at the same time to engage against the Home Country. He wished to point out that the tournament was quite experimental, because neither of the countries concerned had made any pledge beyond 1912. The counties would be called upon to make unusual sacrifices and perhaps their interests would be in conflict, but he did not anticipate any difficulties that could not be overcome. He thought they would agree that it was for them to make this experiment a great success, both financially, if the weather would permit and from the larger imperial standpoint. Everything pointed to success, because at this time the governing bodies in this country—and he included in this expression the counties—were thoroughly united and determined in their endeavour to put the usefulness of cricket as a national game beyond the reach of unfriendly criticism.

Nearly all the matches had been fixed in advance, and the secretaries, therefore, had little to do except to rearrange a few dates, and in some cases the place of meeting. The alterations in the Australian and South African programmes were very trifling.

Of the nine Test Matches in the Triangular Tournament, three are to be played at Lord's, two each at the Oval and Manchester, and one each at Leeds and Nottingham. All are three-day matches, but in the event of two countries being level after having met twice, extra time will, if necessary, be allotted to the third match. As every Test Match is fixed to begin on a Monday, this arrangement will involve no difficulty. The Australian programme was prepared by Mr. W. Findlay and that of the South Africans by Mr. H. D. G. Leveson-Gower.

As regards county cricket, there are naturally some changes from the usual lists, but not so many as might have been expected, the happy idea of fixing two of the Test Matches between Australia and South Africa for Whit Monday and the August Bank holiday having simplified matters considerably.

Surrey have been compelled to drop their matches against Derbyshire and Somerset, Lancashire those against Hampshire and Somerset, Middlesex those against Gloucestershire and Somerset, Nottinghamshire those against Essex, and Yorkshire those against Derbyshire. On the other hand, Middlesex have made new fixtures with Warwickshire and the Yorkshire vs. Gloucestershire matches are to be revived. The County Championship will not in one way be much affected, but it is likely to be completely overshadowed by the Test Matches, if England, Australia, and South Africa should prove to be nearly equal in strength.

THE WEATHER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, DEC. 23.

The depression in Persia is beginning to affect Baluchistan, but no rain has yet fallen. The disturbance which gave the snowfall in Kashmir recently appears to be passing eastwards along the North of the Himalayas and will probably give a rainfall shortly in the Upper Assam Valley and the Abor country. Rain continues in South-East of Madras, where Negapatam reports five inches and Pamban two inches.

The Forecast shows further rain in extreme South. Some precipitation likely in Baluchistan within two days.

SIMLA, DEC. 24.

The disturbance from Persia has given some very light precipitation on the North-West Frontier Province and caused an increase of cloud in the extreme north, but has not so far produced rain in Baluchistan. Rainfall continued in the south-east of Madras, the chief amount being one and a half inches at Pamban.

Forecast.—The rainfall will continue in the extreme South and some precipitation may occur in the extreme North.

BOMBAY DAILY WEATHER REPORT FOR THE 23rd OF DECEMBER.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Saturday, the 23rd December, 1911, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

The Punjab.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded. The moisture in the air and temperature are equal to the average.

The United Provinces.—Skies are lightly to moderately clouded in the extreme western districts, and clear elsewhere. Humidity is normal or in defect. Minimum temperature is generally in defect.

Sind and Rajputana.—Skies are lightly to moderately clouded. The moisture in the air is either equal to or below the average. Night temperature is 8° F in excess at Jacobabad.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are lightly to moderately clouded. Humidity is normal or in defect. Maximum temperature is an excess in Gujarat and the easterm districts of Kathiawar.

The Central Provinces.—Skies are lightly to moderately clouded. The moisture in the air and temperature are nearly equal to the average.

The Konkan.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded. Humidity and temperature are nearly normal.

The Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded. The moisture in the air is either equal to or below the average. Temperature is normal.

General Remarks.—Negapatam reports a heavy rainfall of 5·32"; moderate rain (0·42") has again fallen at Colombo. Conditions remain unsettled and are better marked to-day in the south of the Bay of Bengal. In north-west India, Gujarat and Kathiawar skies continue lightly to moderately clouded; no precipitation, however, has occurred in the plains in that region nor does any appear likely.

Local rain is likely in south-east Madras.

H. A. ARMSTRONG,
Meteorologist, Bombay.

SPORTING NEWS

BOMBAY RACES.

Third Extra Meeting.

A large crowd of people bent on holiday-making was present at the Mahaluxmi Racecourse on the occasion of the Third Extra Meeting on Saturday afternoon, amongst whom was a fair number of ladies in their new Christmas frocks. It is unusual that a race meeting should be held so close to Christmas, but, on this occasion, the executive have decided to have no racing next Saturday. A card of six events was not productive of large fields, the scratchings in some races being drastic. Although it could hardly have been called a favourites' day punters had by no means bad luck. Ferguson was the only jockey of the day to ride two winning mounts and his finish on Mafoota which was popularly fancied was a clever one. Evans, Ames, Taylor and Etul were respectively responsible for the remaining wins. The band of the G. I. P. Ry. Volunteers played a selection during the afternoon.

In the first race Grand Duke opened in the betting a "three to one on" favourite and fully justified his support, but the price was too short for the fancy of the smaller punters many of whom took a chance on Well Done. Bushoosh and Sir Edward were strongly backed for the Arab Selling Plate. Saree, however, won comfortably, Mr. Ali bin Talib's pony finishing amongst the ruck. The Old Year Plate gave another "odds on" favourite at "threes" in Gallileo, but those who supported the lightly weighted Mafoota were glad to see Ferguson win the race with something in hand. The Christmas Plate was divided into two parts, the first of which, Ashroff, the favourite, won in great style on the rails, followed by that useful pony, Order. In the second division Soomsam was favoured as was Makeb, but here an outsider Fair Play won followed by Aurum, Makeb ran third. In the last event of the day, the Maiden Arab Pony Plate. Borgavi, St. Anthony and Gold Belt all had public support, but Taylor's mount ran away with the race followed by Agent and Fascination.

The following are the details :—

THE MODERATE PLATE.—About 1 mile. Winner, Rs. 750; second, Rs. 250; third, Rs. 150. For Arabs which have not won flat race value Rs. 2,000 or over since 31st March, 1909, W. A. reduced 12lbs. Penalties—Winners since 31st March, 1909, race value Rs. 500 or over, once 4 lbs.; twice, 7 lbs; oftener, 14lbs. Winners since the above date race value Rs. 1,000 or over, 5 lbs.; Rs. 1,500 or over, 10lbs. in addition to above penalties. Allowances—Maidens, 5lbs.; Ponies, 14 hands and under, 4 lbs.

Mr. Ali bin Talib's Grand Duke 9st. 5lbs. Ferguson 1
Mr. A. S. Oomer's Well Done 8st. 9lbs......Evans 2
Mr. Ali bin Talib's Merrily 8st. 9lbs......J. Fraser 3

ALSO RAN.—Harry Johnson, 8st 5lbs.

BETTING :—2 to 5 on Grand Duke, 3 to 1 against Well Done, 6 to 1 Harry Johnson, 10 to 1 Merrily.

THE RACE :—The ponies went off level. Harry Johnson leading at the seven furlongs a length from Grand Duke, followed by Merrily and Well Done. At the half mile Grand Duke drew level and then went away. Well Done came up at the bend, but the favourite won easily. Won by 3 lengths, a length and a quarter next and four lengths. Time:—1 min. 4-5 secs.

The Totalisator paid Rs. 12 for the win and Rs. 11 and Rs. 11-8 for places.

(Winner trained by Owner.)

ARAB SELLING PLATE.—7 furlongs. Winner, Rs. 750; second, Rs. 250; third, Rs. 150. A High Weight Handicap for Arabs entered to be sold for Rs. 1,000.

Mr. R. S. Forage's Saree 8st. 11lbs............Ames 1
Mr. Heath's Sir Edward 8st. 1lb..........Yussuff 2
Mr. Tahar Ynais's Tressady 7st. 10lbs.........Mujeed 3

ALSO RAN :—Padsha 9st. 11lbs.; Bushoosh 9st. 6lbs. St. Hilarion 8st. 6lbs.; Boneparte 8st. 4lbs.; Submit 7st. 11lbs.; Antica 7st.; 5lbs. Bunsee 7st. 1lb.

BETTING :—6 to 4 against Bushoosh, 3 to 1 Sir Edward, and Saree, 10 to 1 and longer odds the rest.

THE RACE :—Sir Edward lead with Tressady next. Then came Bushoosh and Saree, with Padsha last. At the three furlongs Saree came up. In the straight Bushoosh got the rails, but Saree coming past on the outside won easily. Won by a length and a half, one and four next. Time :—1 min. 40 1-5 secs.

The totalisator paid Rs. 58-8 for the win and Rs. 18-8-0, Rs. 15 and Rs. 35 for places.

(Winner trained by Goolam Ally.)

OLD YEAR PLATE.—7 furlongs. Winner Rs. 1,000; second, Rs. 300; third. Rs. 200. A High Weight Handicap for horses which have not won flat race value Rs. 2,000 or over since 31st March, 1909.

Mr. Tricumdass Gordhandass's Mafoota 6st. 12lbs. (carried 7st.)..........................Fergusson 1
Mr. P. B. Avasia's Gallileo, 10st. 6lbs..........Evans 2
Mr. R. S. Forage's Aqueduct. 9st 7lbs.........Ames 3
Mr. J. C. Smith's Boomey, 7st. (carried. 7st. 1lb.) ....McGlone 4

BETTING :—5 to 1 on Gallileo, 2 to 1 against Mafoota, 6 to 1 Aqueduct, 10 to 1 Boomey.

THE RACE :—Aqueduct lead out clear to the front with Gallileo and Boomey. At the four Gallileo was second and at three furlongs Mafoota came up last. Turning into the straight a struggle followed Mafoota beating Gallileo winning by a length, 3 and 2 next. Time :—1 min. 33 1-3 secs.

The totalisator paid Rs. 19-8 for the win and Rs. 15 and Rs. 16-8 for a place.

(Winner trained by Shaikh Kassum.)

THE CHRISTMAS PLATE.—6 furlongs. (Division 1.) Winner, Rs. 500; second, Rs. 200; third, Rs. 100. A High Weight Handicap for Arabs 14 hands and under.

Mr. A. S. Omer's Ashroff, 9st. 5lb.............Evans 1
Mr. Abdoola Frasas's Order, 7st................Yusuff 2
Mr. Danoon Zaidan's Kahartaman, 7st. 11lbs. McGlone 3

ALSO RAN :—Prime Minister, 8st. 4lbs. Singer 8st. 9lbs. Turkish General 7st. 12lbs.

BETTING :—5 to 4 on Ashroff, 2 to 1 against Singer. 4 to 1 Order, longer odds the rest.

THE RACE :—Order took a good lead from Prime Minister and Singer, Ahsroff lying last. At the half mile Ashroff came into second place on the rails followed by Singer. Round the bend, Ashroff won an interesting finish easily; Kaharaman was third to Order. Won by a length and a half, 1 and 5 lengths next. Time :—1 min. 22 1-5 secs.

The totalisator paid Rs. 19-8 for the win and Rs. 15 and Rs. 16-8 for places.

(Winner trained by owner.)

THE CHRISTMAS PLATE.—6 furlongs. (Division II.) Winner, Rs. 500; second Rs. 200; third Rs. 100. A high weight Handicap for Arabs 14 hands and under.

Mr. Thimble's Fairplay (7st. 2lbs.,) 7st. 4lbs, Etul 1
Mr. Abdoola Fara's Aurum 7st. 11lbs., ...Yussuff 2
Mr. Zaidbin Mahomed's Makeb 8st. 3lbs., MeGlone 3

ALSO RAN :—Woolwinder, 8st. 7lbs., Soomsam 9st. 5lbs., Mezahim 8st. 6lbs.; Upright 8st 4lbs.

BETTING.—Evens Soomsam, 3 to 1 against Makeb, 5 to 1 Fairplay, 6 to 1 Aurum and Woolwinder, longer odds the rest.

THE RACE :—Mezahim was left at the gate, Upright leading out from Fairplay and Aurum; Makeb was second at the three furlongs followed by Aurum and Soomsam, Soomsam dropped out and Fairplay came round the bend to beat Aurum and Makeb easily. Time :—1 min. 23 1-5 secs.

The totalisator paid Rs. 70-8 for the win and Rs. 38-8 and Rs. 55 for places.

(Winner trained by Saleh Dakeel.)

MAIDEN ARAB PONY PLATE.—5 furlongs Winner, Rs. 500; second, Rs. 200; third, Rs. 100. For Maiden Arabs 14 hands and under. 14 hands to carry 9st. 3lbs., W.I.

Mr. Bampfylde's St, Anthony 9st. 3lbs. ... Taylor 1
Mr. P. R. Naik's Agent 7st. 13lbs., ...Ames 2
Mr. Abdoola Faras's Fascination 8st 5lbs., Yussuff 3

ALSO RAN :—Borgavi 9st. 3lbs., Ordinary 7st. 13lbs., (cd. 8st.;) Bolero 9st., Chin chin, 9st. Sevenfifty 8st. 11lbs.; Zomat 8st. 11lbs.; Gold Belt 8st. 11lbs.; Far East 8st. 11lbs; Dushant 8st. 5lbs., Zahaf 8st. 5lbs.; Little Boy 7st. 10lbs.

BETTING :—2 to 1 against St. Anthony, and Borgavi, 5 to 1 Gold Belt, 6 to 1 Fascination and Chin Chin, 8 to 1 Agent and longer odds the rest.

THE RACE :—Dushant started off first, but St. Anthony went past him with Ordinary. At the bend Borgavi was finished and Agent could not beat St. Anthony, who won easily by three lengths, a length and a half, and a head next. Time :—1 min. 10 secs.

THE totalisator paid Rs. 36 for a win and Rs. 18, Rs. 15-8 and Rs. 21 for places.

(Winner trained by Saleh Dakeel).

CALCUTTA RACES.

Tangaroa Wins the Trials.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

CALCUTTA, DEC. 23.

The following were the results at the Calcutta Races :—

BURDWAN CUP.—R. C. and a distance over seven flights of hurdles.

Sir A.A. Apcar's May Fowl, 11st 3lbs...L.C. Hoyt 1
Chief of Manavadar's Realm, 11st 3lbs..Williamson 2
Mr. Lauder's Collegian, 9st 4lbs............Hayhoe 3

ALSO RAN.—Parkhill, 10st. 3lbs., Miracle 9st. 10lbs, Craigendorrie 9st. 10lbs., Mahoney Bey 9st. 10lbs.

Totalizator paid Rs. 13 to the winner.

THE RACE.—After being in a handy position all through the favourite won easily by a length, three and a half lengths between second and third. Time.—3 min. 25 secs.

ECLIPSE PONY PLATE.—7 furlongs.

H. H. of Cooch Behar's First Bell, 9st 13lbs..Firth 1
H. H. Kour Sahib of Patiala's Waiata, 9st 3lbs... Brown 2
Mr. Fitch's Son of a Gun, 9st 1lb...........Barrett 3

ALSO RAN:—Hopscoth 9st. 7lbs., Fireaway 9st. 7lb., The Plum 9st. 1lb. Ragged Maid 9st. Circus Girl 7st. 13lbs.

Totalizator paid Rs. 21 to the winner.

THE RACE:—Fireaway and the Plum led till the three furlongs post where First Bell took charge of her field and holding them safe won by three lengths, a length and a half between second and third. Time.—1 min, 32 1-5 secs.

ELLENBOROUGH PLATE.—(6 furlongs).

Zemindar of Sivagiri's Black Douglas 9st. 10lbs. Barret 1
H. H. Kour Sahib's Chestnut Park 8st. 4lbs. Brown 2
Mr. Galstaun's Cherry Hackle 9st. 5lbs. F. Wootton 3

ALSO RAN:—Airman 8st. 8lbs.; Warrayare 9st. 12lbs.; Foudrette 9st. 6lbs.; Chin Chin 9st.; Bombastic 9st.; Hackler's Bloom 9st.; Boat Song 7st. 12lbs., Miss Santoi 7st. 12lbs.; Proprietor 7st. 2lbs.

Totalizator paid Rs. 37 to the winner,

THE RACE:—Black Douglas after a strong finish won by half a length, 2 1-2 lengths between second and third. Time.—1 min. 15 secs.

THE TRIALS—(One mile).

Mr. Galstaun's Tangaroa, 9st. 3lbs...F. Wootton 1
Mr. Garda's Lumination, 9st. 3lbs........Whalley 2
Mr. Gokuldass's Soultline, 9st. 3lbs..........Hoyt 3

BETTING :—Five to three Soultline, two's Tangaroa, six's Lumination four's Aborizine, twelve's Neith, forty's Chapel Royal.

The totalizator paid Rs. 32 to the winner and Rs. 11, 14 and 12 to the placed horses.

THE RACE :—Tangaroa made every post a winning post, winning with his mouth open by four lengths, one length between second and third. Time :—1 min. 40 1-5 secs.

PADDOCK PLATE.—(Div. 1), a mile and a quarter.

Mr. Galstaun's Brogue 9st. 4lbs..........Wootton 1
Mr. R. R. S's Langton 7st. 13lbs..........Brown 2
Sir. A. A. Apcar's Cockatoo, 8st. 11lbs...C. Hoyt 3

Totalizator paid Rs. 280 to the winner.

ALSO RAN:—Ballymachlune 8st. 12lbs., Coat-of-Arms 9st. 12lbs.. Solution 9st. 4lbs., Grevillea 8st. 4lbs., Wise Hawk 8st. 2lbs., Tana 8st. 2lbs. Herald 7st. 9lbs.. Mayfly 7st. 7lbs.

THE RACE:—Won most unexpectedly—as Brogue was believed to be not fit—by two lengths, a length and a half between second and third. Time.—2 mins. 10 secs.

PADDOCK Plate.—(Div. 11) A mile and a quarter.

H. H. Kour Sahib of Patiala's Hamara 9st. 2lbs. Brown 1
Sir A. A. Apcar's Koonowla 8st. 3lbs....L. Hoyt 2
Mr. Roy Chowdhury's Jemima 9st. 7lbs. Thoburn 3

Totalizator paid Rs. 33 to the winner.

ALSO RAN :—Green Ware 8st 3lbs., Lady Spring 9st. 12lbs., Picnic 8st. 7lbs., Britannia 8st. 7lbs., Lady Eena 8st. 3lbs., Brat China 7st. 12lbs, Carnival 7st. 7lbs., The Master 7st, 7lbs.

THE RACE :—Koonowla led to the distance, where Hamara sailed away to the front and won easily by 3 lengths, a length and a quarter between second and third. Time.—2 mins. 9 secs.

CUP BETTING.

After to-day's races the following are the prices for the Viceroy's Cup :—

Aborigine, 4 to 1.
Last Call, 4 to 1.
May Fowl, 4 to 1.
Vavasor, 4 to 1.
Black Buck, 5 to 1.
Prince Rupert, 6 to 1.
Catteror, 7 to 1.
Wise Bird, 10 to 1.
The Brogue, 10 to 1.
Five-Crown, 20 to 1.
Hilarity, 25 to 1.
Miracle, 30 to 1.
Lawn Sand, 100 to 1.
Neith, 100 to 1.

The Brogue's victory in the Paddock Plate is in everybody's mouth for none gave the mare the ghost of a chance.

TRAGIC DEATH OF A JOCKEY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 24.

A very tragic accident occurred at yesterday afternoon's races, one of the jockeys, Stanley Carless, of the Civil Veterinary Department, was thrown down from a horse and fractured his skull. Death was instantaneous. Carless arrived in India only four years ago and was a Superintendent of the Department. His tragic death is widely regretted here.

DEWANJI HOUSE CHESS TOURNAMENT.

The tie of the tournament was drawn on the 21st instant, in presence of the players and the members. The tournament commenced on the 22nd at 8 p.m.

The fixtures are as follows :—

1st Round.—(A) Sriranjan Bagchi, vs. N. R. Joshi.

2nd Round.—(B) S.C. Mukherjee, vs. S.B. Ghosh, (C) Sardar Raja Babu, vs. Khadelkar, (D) N. Maitra, vs. Winners of A., (E) S. C. Sen Gupta, vs. Bhairadutt Dube. (F) D. N. Mukherjee, vs. Kissen Lall, (G) Jaffer Hossin, vs. Md. Mohsin, (H) Gurudas Mull, vs. H. D. Dutt and (T) A. M. Megrin, vs. S. V. Boodas.

3rd Round.—(M) Winners of C. vs. winners of F.; (N) Winners of E. vs. winners of T.; (O) Winners of G. vs. winners of B. and (P) Winners of D. vs. winners of H.

Semi Final.—(X) Winners of O. vs. winners of M; (Y) Winners of N. vs. winners of P.

Final.—Winners of X. vs. winners of Y.

The tournament is in the Indian style for which 22 entries have been received.

STADIUM RESULTS.

The following are the results of the events held on Saturday at the Stadium of the Old Bombay Exhibition :—

BICYCLE RACE.—One mile, J. Smith (1); P. F. Bulsara (2), and Lance Corporal Tee (3).

LONG JUMP.—Jemadar Lachhpat Singh (1); Gheba Khan (2), and Lance Naik Phunam Singh (3).

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THE YACHT CLUB RACES.

["BY BOBSTAY."]

THE "Clerk of the Weather" appears to be on leave just at present, or asleep; at least that seems to be the only way of accounting for the abnormal state of the weather during the past two months. The result of this dereliction of duty by those responsible for the cold weather breezes was keenly felt by our mariners, ancient and otherwise, who essayed to try conclusions with each other on Saturday last, as the fluky wind rendered the utmost efforts of no avail and left the result to a great extent in the hands of fate.

There is one thing however to be said for these light and fluky airs and that is that one learns far more from them about trimming a boat and adjusting her sails to give the best effects than when the winds are steadier and stronger, so that it is a very "ill wind that blows nobody any good."

SHIP'S BOATS RACE—Sailed at 3 p.m.

The Ships' Boats Race produced a fine array of "starters," nine answering to the call, of time. The Cochrane's whaler was the first over the line a long way ahead of the others, but she and five others found the absence of wind, combined with the presence of a strong ebb, too much for them, and consequently gave up, leaving the "Natal's" Pinnace to carry off the first prize with the handsome margin of nearly 6 minutes to spare from the "Cochrane's" launch which came second. The "Defence's" gig would have taken third prize but for her disqualifying herself by going inside the "Dolphin Light."

Names of Boats.	Time Al'ances on course. M. S.	Entered by	Time of Arrival. H. M. S.	Corrected Time. H. M. S.
36' Pinnace ..	3 39	H M S Argyll. ...	Did not finish.	
36' Pinnace...	3 39	H M S Defence...	Did not finish.	
30' Cutter ...	16 25	H M S Defence...	Did not finish.	
30' Cutter ...	14 36	H M S Defence..	......	
Whaler M'gue	3 39	H M S Cochrane.	Did not finish.	
a Galley......	16 25	H M S Defence...	6 40 38	3 24 13a
30' Gig.......	Scr	H M S Defence..	Did not finish.	
Launch	Scr	H M S Cochrane	6 19 39	3 19 39
30' Gig	16 25	H M S Medina...	Did not finish.	
36' Pinnace...	3 39	H M S Natal ...	6 17 29	3 13 50

Course :—5 = 7·3 miles. Wind W N W Strength light—1st Prize won by 36' Pinnace H M S Natal and 2nd Prize won by Launch H M S Cochrane—Time-limit 6-30 p.m.

a Disqualified for having crossed between "Doulphin Light-house," and mainland.

"C" CLASS HANDICAP RACE—Sailed at 3-10 p.m.

"C" Class did not make quite as good a start as usual and "Marie Louise" with her scarlet jib and spinnaker was evidently bent on maintaining her reputation for eccentricity, as she was calmly taking on a belated member of her crew at the Club steps when the starting gun went, and thus did not cross the line till just before the "A" Class were due to start over 18 minutes after the rest of her class. However fearful odds evidently have no terrors for her sporting owner and he essayed the "utterly impossible and vain" task, and strange to say, as so often has happened where dogged perseverance has been pitted against fate, "The thing that couldn't has occurred" and Marie Louise takes first prize. The Tomtits sailed off gaily and made quite nice progress until they got fairly close to the first mark, although to several observers they appeared to take too easterly a course under the prevailing circumstances. However, having got a considerable distance they all with one accord came to the conclusion that it was rude to leave Marie Louise so far behind and decided to wait for her, some indeed taking the extreme course of going a short distance to meet her. In return for this politeness Marie Louise brought sufficient wind with her to enable the fleet to round the North Karanja Buoy whence to Mark Buoy, aided by the tide, they made a good passage. From Mark Buoy they had a stiff beat across a strong ebb and owing to the wind falling the race had to be cut short at the Committee vessel. The Curlew reminded us of her abnormal affection for the Committee vessel, luckily however making her demonstration after she was clear of the line, when she gently caressed the schooner's bowspirit with her mainsail.

Names of Boats.	Time Al'ances. on course. M. S.	Entered by	Time of Arrival. H. M. S.	Corrected Time. H. M. S.
Fenella	1 35	Dr B K Goldsmith............	6 19 53	3 8 18
Maud	0 32	Officers, R E......	6 12 48	3 2 16
Mavourneen.	0 32	Mr Newman Taylor	6 10 48	3 0 16
Millie.........	3 42	Messrs Chapman and Twiddie....	6 20 45	3 7 3
Clutha.........	Scr	Capt J J Welsh	6 8 15	2 58 15
Lapwing ...	4 19	Mr O N Moberly	Did not enter.	
Valkyria ...	5 33	Mr R Walker ...	Did not enter.	
Curlew	2 27	Messrs A S Orr & H R Pilcher	6 12 18	3 0 11
Swallow......	2 39	Mr E Y Watson	6 17 29	3 4 50
Cricket ...—	7 56	Mr T S Gregson.	6 19 36	3 1 40
Marie Louise	10 35	Mr K MacIver..	6 16 29	2 55 54

Course :—Cee Vessel—N Karanja starboard—Mark Buoy starboard—Cee Vessel— = 6·3 miles. Wind W N W Strength light. 1st prize won by Marie Louise, 2nd prize won by Clutha and 3rd prize won by Curlew. Mavourneen saves Entrance Fee. Time-limit—6-30 p. m.

"B" CLASS HANDICAP RACE—Sailed 3-20 p.m.

"B" Class produced four starters, Mayo being an absentee as she is up being painted and Antelope did not put in an appearance either, though the day should have suited her admirably.

The race resolved itself into a struggle against the tide to Tucker Beacon and thence to North Caranja Buoy a drifting match sided by a few stray puffs. After leaving North Karanja the boat spent their time playing hide and seek with the zephyrs in which game "Trixie" came out best winning by the narrow margin of 54 seconds from "Pepita."

Names of Boats.	Time Al'ances on course M. S.	Entered by	Time of Arrival. H. M. S.	Corrected Time. H. M. S.
Trixie	14 5	Maj Dobbs, & Capt MacIver..	5 51 5	2 17 0
Antelope ...	34 48	Officers Warwick Regt ...	......	
Erin	15 30	The Hon Mr W T Morison, C S I..	6 6 56	2 31 26
Lylie	12 46	Messrs D Fraser & R E Fischer...	6 4 33	2 29 47
Pepita	21 7	Lt J White, R N..	5 59 1	2 17 54

Course:—Cee Vessel—Tucker Beacon starboard—N Karanja starboard—Cee Vessel = 6·31 miles. Wind W N W Strength light. 1st prize won by Trixie. Pepita saves Entrance Fee. Time-limit—6-30 p.m.

"A" CLASS HANDICAP RACE—Sailed at 3-30 p.m.

"A" Class had an excellent start Mahshuka being over the line within 7 seconds of the gun closely followed by the others. On the reach down to Sunk Rock Eileen after some trouble drew ahead of Mahshuka while further behind Melody and Turquoise played a little game all by themselves. The order round Sunk Rock was Eileen, Mahshuka, Melody and Turquoise. On the leg from Sunk Rock to Mark Buoy Eileen could scarcely make any impression on Mahshuka who seemed to collect all the small puffs there were to be had, with the result that she arrived at Mark Buoy only 2 minutes 40 seconds after Eileen. The race was stopped at the Committee Vessel owing to the failing wind :—

Names of Boats.	Time Al'ances on course. M. S.	Entered by	Time of Arrival. H. M. S.	Corrected Time. H. M. S.
Turquoise...	14 34	Messrs J W Stokes & J F Preston	5 18 48	1 34 14
Melody......	10 9	Officers, R A...	5 13 54	1 33 45
Eileen IV...	Scr	Mr J F Watson & Maj Muter..	4 57 59	1 27 59
Mahshuka..	8 4	Capt McIver R N	5 3 45	1 25 41

Course : Cee Vessel—Sunk Rock port—Mark Buoy port—Cee, Vessel—Length 6·9 miles. Wind W N W light—1st Prize won by Mahshuka.

LIEUT. H. G. MONTAGU.

The following notice appears in the "Gazette" of Dec. 1 :—"5th Battalion The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). The appointment of Herbert Gerald Montagu to a Second Lieutenancy (on probation) which appeared in the "Gazette" of the 7th April, 1911, is cancelled." Lieut. Montagu is the officer, whose appeal to humanity against the alleged Italian atrocities in Tripoli, telegraphed on behalf of the Central News war correspondent was published in the newspapers at the beginning of November.

THE QUESTION OF THE DARDANELLES.

Its Meaning and History.

The reported decision of the Italian Government not to proceed with its plan of blockading or forcing the Dardanelles, says a correspondent, has caused considerable relief not only in the mercantile but also in the diplomatic quarters of Europe. Once more the question which has exercised the ingenuity of the Chancelleries of the Great Powers for more than a century—the question as to the neutrality of the two straits which connect the Mediterranean with the Black Sea—has receded to the background and Europe has been spared another exciting period of diplomatic negotiations. Twice within recent years—once during the Bosnian crisis in 1908 and a second time during the Tsar's visit at Cherbourg and Cowes in the summer of 1909—the question has been raised by Russia one of the three Powers most nearly concerned in it without much result, it is true. The strategical plan of the Italian Government though abandoned for the present, is well calculated to bring it once more into the field of dispute.

THE GATEWAY OF TWO OVERLAND ROUTES.

Briefly speaking, the question is : Shall the route from the Mediterranean to Constantinople and the corresponding route from the Black Sea to Constantinople and the Mediterranean be left open for the passage of warships other than those of Turkey? The question has always been considered by Great Britain as one of great importance to her. Constantinople is the gateway of one of the two overland routes—that by the Valley of the Euphrates—to India (the other runs through Central Asia); and since Russia was the Power which threatened Constantinople most the closing of the Bosphorus to her warships formed as much the cardinal principle of British policy as the maintenance of "buffer States" in Central Asia. The two measures were intended to bar Russia's access to India from either direction. With the construction of the Suez Canal, the strategical importance of Constantinople declined: it is no longer that "key" the possession of which, as Napoleon believed, could give the mastery over the world. But while it declined, it is still great enough to cause anxiety on the subject of the Bagdad Railway, which is to connect Constantinople by a direct line with the Persian Gulf. On the other hand, the construction of the Suez Canal has itself created a new route to India and added to the anxieties of Great Britain.

The first diplomatic instrument drawn up on this subject was the Anglo-Turkish Treaty of 1809, whereby the Porte agreed to close the two Straits to all foreign warships and England undertook to assist her in doing so. This was directed against Russia, with whom the then Sultan (Mahmud II.) was at war. Twenty-four years later, however, Russia concluded a secret treaty with the Porte, known at the Treaty of Hunkyar Skalessi (after the Imperial staircase on the Bosphorus), whereby the Porte, in return for Russian assistance in the struggle against the rebel army of Mehemet Ali of Egypt, undertook to keep the Dardanelles open for Russian warship as against all others. Now it was England's turn, and in 1841, at her insistence, a convention was signed in London on July, 13, by which the representatives of England, Austria, France, Prussia, Sardinia, Russia, and Turkey agreed that no warship except Turkis should have the right of passage through the Dardanelles in time of peace, only one light vessel flying the naval flag being allowed to serve the needs of each Legation.

TREATY OF 1856.

The Treaty of Paris of 1856, by which the war in the Crimea was concluded, marked a further stage in the exclusion of Russia from the two Straits. Not only was the provision of the treaty of 1841, reaffirmed, but it was also agreed that the Black Sea itself should be neutralised; that its waters and ports, while thrown open to the mercantile marine of every nation, should be "formally and in perpetuity interdicted to the flag of war either of the power possessing its coasts or of any other Power"; that there should be no military arsenals on its banks, and that Russia and Turkey should mutually engaged to maintain in the Black Sea only a specified number of light vessels for the service of the coasts.

This was too great a hardship to be inflicted on a Great Power like Russia, and in 1871, it had to be abrogated. In the height of the Franco-Prussian War, after the capitulation of Metz, Prince Gortchakoff, justly expecting that he would be supported in this by Bismark in return for Russian neutrality during the struggle with France, sent out a Circular Note to the Powers signatory to the Treaty of Paris announcing Russia's decision no longer to recognise the provision concerning the neutrality of the Black Sea. Lord Granville, in the name of the British Government, at once protested against the assumption of the right by any one Power to repudiate an international treaty to which it is one of the signatories, and on January 17, 1871, a Conference consisting of the representatives of Great Britain, North Germany (as it then still was), Austria-Hungary, Italy, Russia, and Turkey, (France being unable to send a delegate owing to the siege of Paris), assembled in London under the presidency of Lord Granvillle, to consider the question raised by the Russian Note. The Conference held six sittings, and, while reaffirming the principle that the Black Sea is to be kept open to the mercantile marine of all nations (article 3) annulled the clauses in the treaty of 1856 relating to its neutrality. As regards the passage through the Dardanelles, however, it upheld the previous international agreements in the following words:—

Article 2.—The principle of the closing of the Straits of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus, such as it has been established by the separate convention of March 30, 1856, is maintained, with the power to His Majesty the Sultan, to open the said Straits in the time of peace to the vessels of war of the friendly and allied Powers, in the event that the Sublime Porte should consider it necessary in order to secure the execution of the stipulations of the Treaty of Paris of March 30, 1856, (relating to the integrity and independence of Turkey).

This has remained the governing principle on the subject of the Dardanelles to this day. The Treaty of Berlin by article 36 merely reaffirmed it and neither the convention signed between Turkey and Russia in 1891, permitting ships of the Russian Volunteer Fleet under certain conditions to pass through the Straits with troops on board nor the permission granted to all Powers to maintain a second light vessel for the needs of their Legations has introduced by any material alteration in the old provisions. The Straits of the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles are forbidden ground to all European Powers in time of peace now as they were fifty years ago and cannot be invaded without breaking one of the most solemn international agreements.

RAILWAY RETURNS

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

The following is the comparative statement of Traffic earnings for week ending 16th December.

	Miles Open.	Total for the period.	Earnings for previous week	Total to date.
Approximate eargs. for week ending 16th Dec. 1911				
G. I. P. Ry. Including I. M. Ry. System...	2791·34	1726500	2808095	29807415
A.-D.-C. Ry......	125·66	56200	984721	990921
Baran Kotah Ry.	40·29	5300	80418	85718
Total...	2957·29	1788000	29096054	30884054
Earningss for correspg. 7 days ending 16th Dec. 1910				
G. I. P. Ry. Including I. M. R. System ...	a2791·38	1671694	24966037	26637731
A.-D.-C. Ry. ...	125·66	36933	750319	787252
B.-K. Ry.........	40·29	2129	46698	48827
Total	2957·33	1710756	25763054	27473810
Inc. or Dec. G.I.P.R. Incg. I.M. R. System	— 0·04	+ 54806	+ 3114878	+ 3169684
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NOTE.—Corrected with Audited figures upto 31st Oct a Altered from 2783·93 to 2791·38 (7·45 miles) on account of opening of the Harbour Branch from 12th December 1910.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Guest—"I see you have counted up my bill wrongly; fourteen shillings instead of thirteen." Waiter—"Well, I thought perhaps you might be superstitious."

Lawyer—"Where did he first kiss you?" The Lady—"On the lips, sir." Lawyer—"No; I mean where were you?" The Lady—"Sitting on his knee, sir."

She—"I suppose it would break your heart if I were to say that I could only be a sister to you?" He—"Not at all. I'm used to having girls say that."

"Mrs. Barkley, are you familiar with 'Songs without words?'" "Oh, yes—quite! Mr. Barkley frequently sings them when he comes home early in the morning."

Judge—"I don't think that women have always been vain; you know women were made before mairors." Judge—"And they've been before them ever since."

"I don't believe George loves me any more." "What's the matter? Have you quarrelled?" "No; but he doesn't offer to wipe the supper dishes for me now."

Proprietor—"Where is Jones?" Office Boy—"He isn't in. His wife sent him word that the baby was asleep and he's gone home to see what it looks like."

"Ah, sir, we do enjoy your sermons," remarked an old lady to a new curate. "They are so instructive. We never knew what sin was until you came to the parish."

"How is it you always back the winner?" "A friend gives me 'tips.'" "I see; and you always follow his advice?" "Certainly not; I always back another horse."

Freddy Pickle—"But, weally, don't you envy am? All I have to do is to play gentleman." Miss Tebasco (with a yawn)—"Yes; but you are such a poor actor, Freddy."

Japanese youths give their sweethearts little glass bells, called "memory bells." They are hung in a window, the air causing them to tinkle, serving as a reminder of the giver.

Lady (who takes a kindly interest in her servants(—"I hear you've been to Brighton, James. Did you enjoy yourself?" James (stolidly)—"No, mum. I had the wife with me."

Mrs. Hennpecke—"What do you mean, sir, by telling Mrs. Torker's husband you never ask my advice about anything?" Hennpecke—"Well, Marie, I don't; you don't wait to be asked."

"You have an enormous appetite," said a thin man enviously. "What do you take for it?" "In all my experience," replied his plump friend, "I have found nothing more suitable than food!"

"Engaged to that beautiful girl, and yet not happy?" "Well, she's gone in by turns for rowing, and tennis, and horses, and golf, and dogs. Sometimes I wonder if I am a sweetheart or merely a fad."

"My uncle used to smoke his pipe and blow smoke rings that would float across the room and ring the door-knob." "My uncle," said the other liar dreamily, "used to blow some that would ring the door-bell."

"I ran into town to-day to do some shopping, dear," said Mrs. Subbubs entering her husband's office. "and I—" "I see," he interrupted, "and you just ran in here because you ran out?" "Ran out?" "Yes, of money."

Mrs. Sharpley—"Next time you call I want you to give your opinion of the new dog we are going to get." Mr. Bore—"Delighted, I'm sure. When do you expect it?" Mrs. Sharpley—"Oh, not for twelve months at least."

Owner of Car—"Let me have my bill, please. I've had some cheese and biscuits, and a glass of bitter. What has the chauffeur had?" Waiter—"Salmon trout, half a bottle of Moselle, black coffee, and half a dozen cigars."

"Hallos, James, what an enormous cigar you are smoking. It must be a foot long." "Over a foot. I have this kind specially made for me. My doctor has ordered me to smoke only one cigar a day, and I always do as he tells me."

Miss Koldcash (the heiress—age uncertain)—"Oh, I know your stamp of man. You only wish to marry me for my money. If you want gold so bad, why don't you go to Klondike and dig for it? No, not you. You want gold, but you are not willing to suffer to get it." Mr. Hunter—"Heavens, Miss Koldcash! Haven't I offered to marry you for it?"

A minister, having walked through a village churchyard and observed the indiscriminate praises bestowed upon the dead, wrote upon the gatepost the following :—"Here lie the dead, and here the living lie."

A man very much intoxicated was taken to the police-station. "Why did you not bail him out?" enquired a bystander of a friend. "Bail him out!" exclaimed the other. "Why, you couldn't pump him out."

Father (calling from the head of the stairs at 1-30 a.m.)—"Fannie." Fannie—"Yes, papa, what is it?" Father—"I wish you would ask that young man where he would like to have his box put when it comes."

"The gentlemen who came to see daddy said I was one of the most intelligent children they ever saw," said little Jack. "Indeed," said the proud mother. "Did you recite 'Little drops of we art' for them?" "No, I refused."

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Via Suez Perfect.	Via Suez Perfect.	Via Direct Cable Perfect.	......	Via Bhamo Interrupted.	Via Lisbon St. Vincent Perfect.

NOTICES.

Telegrams for Morocco are subject to very great delay and can only be accepted at sender's risk. (18-8-11.)

Telegrams for all places in interior of China, excepting stations on the coast, booked by routes other than Bhamo, can be accepted at sender's risk. (25-10-11.)

Bhamo route to China is entirely closed to traffic at present (1-11-11).

Until further notice telegrams (code) for Turkey cannot be admitted (13-10-11).

Italian administration notify that telegrams for Tripoli are admitted only in plain language and at sender's risk. As an exceptional measure short telegrams in cipher or code language are also admitted if forwarded via Italy and those concerned deposit two copies of their code one at the telegraph office at Rome and the other at the Tripoli Telegraph Office (20-10-11).

It is further notified that the maximum number of words which can be sent in code or cipher telegrams is fixed at twenty-five (24-10-11).

Ramhormuz line interrupted to Ahwaz since 7 a.m. (31-10-11).

Bushire reports messages for Ahwaz and Mohammerah should not be marked "by post over interrupted section." There is no postal service over interrupted section and line is not likely to be restored till next April or May. Therefore all messages for those stations should only be accepted post Bushire. Mail for Mohammerah and Ahwaz leaves Bushire every Wednesday morning and post messages for those places should reach there not later than 6 p.m. Standard Time on Tuesday (4-12-11).

Teheran reports meshed line interrupted since 27th (28-11-11).

Telegrams for following offices in first region of Egypt can only be accepted in plain language and at senders risk. They should be written in plain language English or Arabic only. (1) Ras et Dabaa. (2) Marsa Matrouh. (3) Sidi Barrani. (4) Siwa. (21-12-11).

Turkish Route right. (24-12-11).

French land lines working badly expect heavy delay. (22-12-11).

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BY THE WAY.

THE DOGS OF ST. BERNARDS.

Lamartine has been much criticised for his obiter, the more I see of men the more I love dogs." If he had known the dogs of St. Bernard's very little exception could have been taken to his somewhat daring assertion. A Paris contemporary gives an account of a recent rescue by the dogs. Two women were on their way to Milan, and were overtaken by a storm. They were overcome, and it seemed that death was certain. One of the dogs passing scented the travellers. He barked as only St. Bernard dogs can bark, and this brought up his comrade, who was some distance away. The two dogs started on their search, found the women half-buried in snow, and then ran off to the hospice, and the brothers were able to add two more names to their long list of rescues.

CARDINALS AND THE VETO.

Roman Catholic Sovereigns sometimes exercise the veto in regard to the creation of Cardinals, but the new Constitution of the Vatican Conclave condemns this right. All the newly created Cardinals except those of Austria and Spain, have taken their oath supporting the new Constitution. The Spanish and Austrian Cardinals have been invited to take their oath when they come to Rome. It is thought at the Vatican that the Spanish Cardinals may do so, but as far as the Austrians are concerned they will have to obtain the special authority of the Emperor Francis Joseph. Whether they will be able to do so is open to doubt. But be this as it may, it seems improbable that the Vatican would impose on any country the wearer of the red hat in direct opposition to the wishes of the Government or reigning Sovereign.

ROBINSON "CRUSO"

The ordinary person who has never been to King's Lynn knows it best because of the story of Eugene Aram who, after many years, was arrested here for a murder committed at a place far enough away; at Knaresborough, in Yorkshire, in 1745, but it is unfair, says a writer in the "Autocar" that Lynn should have this objectionable notoriety thrust upon it. Rather would I draw attention to its odd old stone and flint chequired Guildall, outside which the sick lame, and lazy sprawl in various poses of beatitude or dejection on a long bench thoughtfully provided by the municipality. In the church and in the churchyard of St. Nicholas you may see that "Cruso" (without a final "e") was once a well-known name in the town, and that Defoe, therefore did not invent it. Indeed there was once a Mr. Robinson Cruso at Lynn, and he was, moreover, a prominent and well-known person, being indeed postmaster. He was born ten years after Defoe's famous book was first published, and so was christened "Robinson."

TWO FISH ON ONE HOOK.

This is not a unique incident of course but sufficiently infrequent to be interesting, especially when it happens to an old angler twice in one week, and with the same fish, whiting. In the first case one fish had taken the worm on the bottom hook below the lead (often the most useful), a portion of the worm had been ejected up the gut and taken by another greedy fish, and in the struggles and gyrations of both, whiting number two had got firmly harnessed by three turns of the gut round head and gills. The second case was even funnier and was witnessed by several amused French comrades. A whiting lightly hooked on the upper of three hooks, fell off, proceeds "Sarcelle," writing to the "Field" from Calais, as I was just winding up the trace over the pier rail, and, falling straight down, impaled himself by the tail on the hook below the lead, on which another whiting was kicking, the hook having passed well through his nose, so the pair came up comically head and tail together.

A COMPOSER'S HOME.

Sir Edward Elgar has taken a house in Netherhall-gardens, Hampstead, having been advised by his physician to live as high above the level of the Thames as is compatible with his engagements. The house, which is a large and handsome one, has been empty for several years, and, says the "World" the local agents had almost despaired of finding a tenant. Naturally, there was the usual rumour that it was haunted. The name has now been changed, and a Latin inscription removed from the door; and the house is henceforth likely to be haunted by nothing less agreeable than the melodies of the famous composer.

SCHOOLBOYS AS BEATERS.

At the weekly meeting of the Tiverton School attendance committee it was stated that shooting parties had considerably affected the attendances at the Bolham and Chevithorne School. When shoots were in contemplation a gamekeeper had been in the habit of going to the schools and engaging lads, who were paid 1s. to 1s. 6d. a day and given a feed and perhaps a pheasant or a couple of rabbits to take home. One of the members said sportsmen rendered themselves liable to prosecution by taking lads away from school in this way. It was decided to instruct the head teachers concerned to see that time required off by boys for covert beating might be taken as attendance holidays.

UNLIMITED ALTRUISM.

At a recent conference of Church Army workers a story was told of altruism unlimited in degree and very affecting in character. An inmate of one labour homes was delivering firewood chopped at the home, and at each place he called the kindly householder, offered him refreshment. He had had his tea before starting out, and he did not want any more, but he was afraid a refusal would prejudice the chances of any poor comrade coming later. At the first place he called the lady, gave him a very liberal supply of tea and bread. "I thanked her and took it," he said. The next place it was the same. "I was quite full, but I got it down." At the next place a glass of milk and more bread and butter were offered. "I got it down." He called at other places, but here the story does not end; it ceases.

LARGEST OF BATTERIES.

What is probably one of the largest batteries in the world is being manufactured in America. It is to be at Baltimore for heavy rates of discharge. This battery consists of 152 cells, each containing 133 plates. Each of the 152 leadlined wooden tanks measures four feet 2 inches high by 21 3 4 inches wide and 72 7-8 inches long, and will weigh, without plates and electrolyte, approximately 1,000 pounds. The total weight of the entire battery equipped with plates and electrolyte when ready for service will be approximately 1,100,000 pounds.

GETTING READY FOR THE PANAMA CANAL OPENING.

If there is no hitch in the engineers' plans, in all probability vessels will be passing through the Panama Canal in less than two years from now. Anticipating the opening of the new route to the East, a British syndicate has, it is said, purchased Fanning and Washington Islands, in mid-Pacific, with the intention of establishing there a coaling-station for steamers. The United States, which already possesses Hawaii, ideally situated on the Panama-Yokohama route, has been looking about for other desirable Pacific islands, for a naval base, and recently made Ecuador a tempting offer for the Galapagos group, which lie about a thousand miles off the Pacific entrance to the canal, but the offer was declined.

NANKING.

Nanking, which was recently reported to be in the hands of the Chinese rebels, has been the metropolis of China several times during long period of her history. It was here that the seat of government was established in the former part of the Ming dynasty, A. D. 1368-1403, though Hung-Wu, the founder of that dynasty, intended Hwui-chow to be the capital. The famous porcelain tower was at Nanking, and here it was too, that the Taiping rebels made their headquarters for many years. It is from Nanking that the so-called Nankeen cottons take their name.

NAPOLEON AND A FORMER MARQUIS OF TWEEDDALE.

The death of the Marquis of Tweeddale the other day has recalled the fate of George Hay, the seventh Marquis. He and his wife died in prison, victims of the tyranny and perfidy of Napoleon. In March 1802 England and France concluded a famous treaty of peace at Amiens. Some English people imagined that the peace would be lasting, and they took the opportunity of paying a visit to Continental countries, to which access had for several years been closed by war. Napoleon intended no durable peace. By his orders the French never ceased to violate the treaty in letter and in spirit. Eventually Pitt saw that the First Consul was planning new adventures, and the treaty was declared at an end. Thereupon, Bonaparte contrary to the law of nations, and to all the principles of morality, "caused all the English travelling on the Continent to be arrested."

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

PROTECTING ORCHARDS AGAINST FROST.

One of the great difficulties of fruit growing in this country is the frost in spring, which may in a night destory the hope of the year. Various methods of protection have been suggested, and tried with more or less success. The most efficient of these, perhaps is that of burning rubbish beneath the trees. Recently a new method of protecting orchards and vineyards has been brought forward in a French agricultural periodical by M. F. Chavernac. It is based on the fact that when the wind blows frosts are not feared. The method consists in the installation of electric fans among the trees. These are to be set in motion when a frost is feared. This plan is chiefly recommended for vines, but it is believed that it would also prove useful in orchards. A great drawback for this country would be the expense, an additional burden on an industry which with difficulty pays its way at the best of times.

SUGAR FROM THE NIPA-PALM.

A recent report from the Phillippine Bureau of Science points out that the sap of the Nipa-palm yields sugar of a superior quality. Tested in the laboratory it was found, to contain 96·8 per cent. of pure sugar. If this source of sagar is utilised commercially, it will be a welcome addition to the world's supply. That the sap of this tree contains sugar has been long known, for throughont the Phillippines and elsewhere it has been used from time immemorial in the preparation of an alcoholic drink. This is done by tapping the flower stalks, and allowing the juice to ferment.

A USEFUL TREE.

The Nipa-palm is a native of the Phillippines, Molucca, and parts of India. In the delta of the Ganges Hooker found the fruit of one species floating in such large numbers as to obstruct the paddle-wheels of the steamers. In the Philippines it is one of the most useful of trees. It supplies material for thaching and for cigarette wrapperr. The fruit is also edible, and from the juice, as above stated, is made one of the national strong drinks. It is used in a similar way in the East Indies generally.

ITS GEOLOGICAL HISTORY.

The "fossil figs" of the London clay have long been familiar to collectors. Botanical diagnosis shows them to be the fruits of various species of the Nipa-palm. Five species of this genus of palm, now confined to warmer regions, grew in this country at the beginning of Eocane times. Along with other species they furnish evidence of a tropical or subtropical climate. "The London clay," says Prestwich, "was the muddy deposit of a large river, like that of the Ganges or Mississippi, flowing through a country possessing a tropical climate, and bringing down, like those rivers, into its estuary and bordering sea, specimens of the vegetation and animals of the lands through which it flowed."

ELEPHANT SHREWS.

The Elephant Shrews which have recently reached the Zoological Gardens as the first of their kind to become denizens there, are among the quaintest of animals. They obtain their name from the curiously elongated india-rubber-like snout. Ephant shrews are specially characteristic of Afries, and are found in open districts throughout the continent. The three specimens in the Gardens, sent by Colonel Littledale, were obtained in Bechuanaland. Unfortunately, too, representing one species, have died since their arrival. The survivor represents another species picturesquely named Elephantulus rupertris, the little elephant of the rocks.

ARE THEY AKIN TO THE MONKEYS?

The elephant shrews have the hind legs much longer than the front, and are great jumpers. They are usually classed with the Insectivora, though, as Mr. Pocock points out in his interesting note in the "Field," some zoologists dissent from this view of their affinities. They contend that there are points of difference which justify the removal from this group. It is suggested that along with the tree-shrews they should form a special group apart. In certain characters they resemble the lemurs to such a degree as to justify the suggestion that they are akin to the stock from which sprang the primates.

BLUE THRUSH AND SNAILS.

The song-thrush is known to many as a frequent eater of snails. It may often be seen breaking the shells by beating them against a stone. According to the account of Mr. A. L. Butler communicated to the "Field," the blue whistling thrush of Malay is also a snaileater, and on a much larger scale. The nest of this thrush was found in the limestone caves of Batu, a few miles from Kuala Lumpur, in Selangor. The sound of the bird hammering the stone with the shell was heard, and on a flat block of limestone, the shell itself partly broken was seen. And not far off a regular shingle of broken shells five to six inches deep was found representing previous repasts.

64,000 SNAILS ACCOUNTED FOR.

Mr. Butler took the trouble to estimate the number of snails thus accounted for by the blue thrush. A sack was filled five times, and it was estimated that the remaining scattered fragments would more than fill it again. A sackfull was found to weigh 83lb., which gives a total of about 500lb. And this, reckoning 128 shells to the pound, makes the total of 64,000 snails eaten by the thrush. It probably represents the work of a single pair, as it is not likely they would tolerate rivals so near. Probably, however, it was the accumulation of several years. The snail eaten by the Malayan thrush is not like that of the song thrush, a Helix, but a species with a circular aperture known as Cyclophorus malayensis. It is described as a flat stout-shelled snail nearly two inches in diameter.

THE LADIES' CORNER.

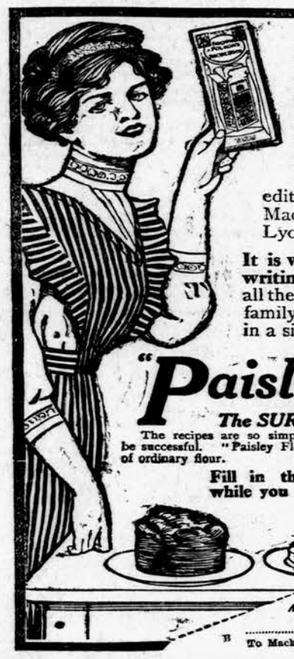
FASHIONS AT NICE.

Nearly all the shops and "grands magasins" in Nice, says a correspondent in mail week, are showing their new goods, and from their general appearance it would seem that a severe winter is expected. A severe winter, it goes without saying, will hardly be felt here, except in its good effects, as it generally brings a great influx of visitors. Some of the noted dressmakers have their establishments around the park, one of which is the leading house in Nice, Laferriere's, the English Court dressmakers at No. 5, Jardin Public. They have just opened to the public and are showing new models, especially interesting, as they express the coming styles about two months ahead of those now shown in Paris. One of these latest creations, termed the "Versailles." Is in veiled pink satin, overspread on the lower part of the skirt by broad white Malines lace. A long point of black "mousseline desoie" falls over the skirt in front and back, forming a tunic, and is embroidered with a row of very handsome cut black jet caboshons.

A HANDSOME BODICE.

The bodice is of Malines lace and pale pink mousseline, fitted with a flat fichu, in Marie Antoinette style, of pink chiffon. This is edged on one side with white Malines lace, caught at the neck by two rows of pearls which fall in the back of the skirt and are terminated by a fringe of pearls. The other side of the fichu is trimmed with an embroidery of glittering cut jet cabochons. This gown is exquisitely finished in every detail, and has the "cachet" of supreme good taste that always distinguishes and has made the success of Laferriere's. Evening gowns like the above are conspicuous this season by the luxury of the tissues employed. It would seem that manufacturers are compensating for the mode that requires shorter lengths of cloth by making the tissues so fantastically rich that gowns will cost as much, if not more, than herstofore on account of the greater value of the materials used. Here is a point that may be of interest. Violet is going to be the colour a la mode in Nice this year. Kentals on the Avenue Massena have risen considerably since it became known that Nice was, in point of population, the seventh city of France. Very few firms, and only those having an established and rich clientele, can now afford to remain on this avenue. Among them is the noted art photographer, Mr. L. Cauvin. Many people go there simply to get their photo as a souvenir, both stylish and original, of Nice. The model is always at ease, and the artistic effect produced is very captivating. Mr. Cauvin operates generally by artificial light either day or night, but, when desired, also calls at private residences.

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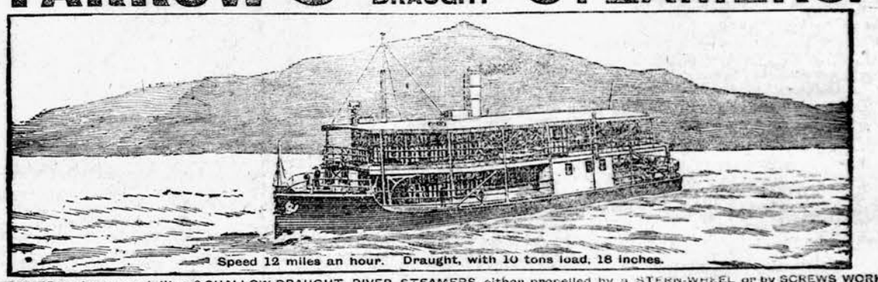
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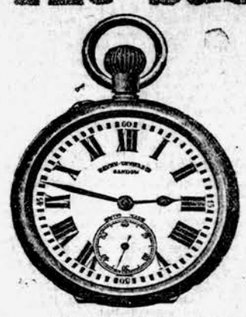
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